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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Chairman Thomas M. Gattle, Jr. presiding.

Lee Felterman
Tom Kelly
Jerry Stone

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioners Bill Busbice, Terry Denmon and Wayne Sagrera were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the **September 5, 2002 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Felterman and seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for September** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during September.

Region I - Minden - 111 citations and 7 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 99 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 113 citations and 6 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 91 citations and 3 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 107 citations and 3 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 113 citations and 7 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 175 citations and 10 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 325 citations and 23 warnings.

Region IX - Schriever - 161 citations and 6 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 52 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 23 citations.

SWEP - 40 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 28 citations and 1 warning.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of September was 1,438. Also there were 66 warning citations issued statewide. Major LaCaze then noted the different citations written and the seizures taken during the teal season.

The aviation report for September 2002 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 66.7 hours for enforcement and 22.0 hours for other divisions.

Activities for the month included having lots of enforcement effort on the Pearl River due to flooding from Tropical Storm Isidore and then along the coast from Hurricane Lili. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark would have a report on the activities associated with the Hurricane at the next meeting. Chairman Gattle asked if the hunting season has been accident free thus far? Major LaCaze stated there has been no reports.

The Public Information Quarterly Report began with Ms. Marianne Burke stating there were samples of the work from the Section in their packets. Two issues of the Louisiana Conservationist Magazine were put out during the quarter. Circulation is just under 25,000 which Ms. Burke said was better than average. Media Relations and News Program were involved in 2 interviews, 52 news releases and 1 joint release, the hunting regulations pamphlet and the migratory bird pamphlet. The Library Program was slow during the summer months and it should pick up as school gets going. The Public Information Section is also responsible for special events such as the National Hunting and Fishing Day in Baton Rouge only. During August, the Section participated in and helped coordinate the Sportsman's Paradise Hunting & Fishing Expo for the Department. About 27,000 people went through the event over the 2 days it was held. Ms. Burke then showed a video on highlights from the Expo. Chairman Gattle asked about the Hunting and Fishing Day events around the State? Ms.

Burke stated she did not have a report from all event coordinators, but as soon as she gets it, she would share it with the Commission.

Mr. Brandt Savoie handled the next item, a **Rule Ratification - Coastwide Nutria Control Program**. At the last meeting, an amendment to the proposed rule was presented based on comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This amendment was adopted. Mr. Savoie asked the Commission to ratify the rule. Chairman Gattle asked if everything was in place with the application? Mr. Savoie stated staff was working with Division of Administration on the proposal for a contractor. He hoped everything would be in place by November 20 when the trapping season opens. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to adopt the Rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish a coastwide nutria control program.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§123. Coastwide Nutria Control Program

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby establish regulations governing participation in the coastwide nutria control program. The administrative responsibility for this program shall rest with the Department Secretary; the Assistant Secretary, Office of Wildlife; and the Fur and Refuge Division.

1. The coastwide nutria control program objective is to provide economic incentive, by payment of \$4 per nutria tail to participants, to encourage the harvest of up to 400,000 nutria

annually from coastal Louisiana. For the purpose of this program, coastal Louisiana is bounded on the north by Interstate 10 from the Louisiana-Texas line to Baton Rouge, Interstate 12 from Baton Rouge to Slidell, and Interstate 10 to the Louisiana-Mississippi line.

2. Participant Application Process

a. Participants must acquire a valid Louisiana trapping license.

b. Participants must submit a completed nutria control program participant application to the department or its contractor.

c. To be considered complete, the application must contain the following information: name, address, telephone number, social security number, and trapping license number of applicant; tax receipt and a description of property to be trapped/hunted (acres, parish, township, range, section); name, address, and telephone number of landowner (private or public); signature of participant; and signature of landowner or designated representative indicating permission to hunt or trap nutria on the described property.

d. For applications determined to be complete and valid, the participant will be notified by mail that his/her registration is finalized and a nutria control program registration number will be issued.

e. The participant must indicate if an assistant will be delivering tails on his behalf to a collection center and the participant must provide the name of the assistant(s) on the application.

f. Applications submitted to the department or its contractor by October 1 shall be processed by the opening of trapping season. Applications submitted to the department or its contractor after October 1 shall be processed in the order received.

g. Applications listing only waterbodies, without signature of an adjacent landowner or designated representative, shall be considered incomplete.

h. Applications determined to be incomplete or invalid will be returned to the applicant with an explanation as to why registration could not be finalized.

3. Harvest of Nutria

a. Participants must possess a valid trapping license and a nutria control program registration number.

b. Only nutria harvested during the open trapping season, from coastal Louisiana and taken from property permitted can be included in this program.

c. Nutria may be taken by any legal method except that if taken with a shotgun, steel shot must be used.

d. Participants are required to remove carcasses from the trapping/hunting area or if carcasses are not sold whole, they must be placed in such a manner as to prohibit feeding on the carcasses by birds, including southern bald eagles. Carcasses may be buried, placed in heavy overhead vegetation or concealed by any other means necessary to prevent consumption by birds.

4. Collection of Nutria Tails for Payment

a. Collection stations will be established across coastal Louisiana by the department or its contractor.

b. Evidence of nutria harvested shall be in the form of delivering severed nutria tails to a collection station during a designated period. Collections will begin on or about November 20th. Specific dates and times of collections will be established and advertised for each station.

c. Participant or a designated assistant must present the nutria control registration number and proper identification to the department contractor.

d. Participant or designated assistant shall present to the department contractor only fresh or well-preserved (iced, frozen, salted) nutria tails in a manner that allows counting of individual tails (e.g., tails cannot be frozen together in a block). Only whole tails, greater than 7 inches in length will be accepted.

e. Participant shall declare parish, section, township, and range in coastal Louisiana where animals were taken and indicate method of take and carcass use. Tails from animals taken from outside of the participants permitted property shall not qualify for payment in this program.

f. Participant shall sign the receipt/voucher provided by the department contractor to acknowledge number of tails presented and accuracy of information provided.

5. Violation of any part of these regulations is a class 2 violation and conviction may result in disqualification from the program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 28: (October 2002).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

There were no **Public Comments - 2003 Turkey Season** made during this meeting.

A Rule Ratification - Deer and Elk Importation was the first item to be handled by Mr. Tommy Prickett. This rule would ban the importation of deer and elk into Louisiana. During the process, 2 comments were received, one opposed to the rule from the North American Deer Farmer's Association and the other from the Louisiana Forestry Association in support of the rule. Mr. Prickett asked for a motion to ratify the Rule. Chairman Gattle asked if the rule has anything to do with exporting? Mr. Prickett stated no, but the farmers would have to comply with the regulations from the state the animals were going to. Chairman Gattle then asked what was the Department of Agriculture's stand on the proposed rule? Mr. Prickett stated the quarantine was still in place from the Livestock Sanitary Board and as such will not authorize the importation of deer and elk. He reminded the Commission that after the incident with the deer from Minnesota, Secretary Jenkins and Commissioner of Agriculture Bob Odom agreed not to permit any more importations of deer or elk into Louisiana without first having public hearings on that issue. Commissioner Stone asked if those deer from Minnesota have been tested? Mr. Prickett stated there were 44 initially, but of the remaining 29, 20 have been collected

and 9 of the tests have been completed and all were negative. There are still 9 animals to be collected from large-type pens. Hearing no further questions, Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Prickett to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

October 8, 2002

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, October 8, 2002.

- WHEREAS, chronic wasting disease is a neurodegenerative disease found in captive deer and elk in eight states, as well as, in free ranging deer in 5 states, and
- WHEREAS, chronic wasting disease is a poorly understood disease that is related to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease) of cattle, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease of humans, scrapie of sheep, and is always fatal, and
- WHEREAS, there is no live animal test for chronic wasting disease, and
- WHEREAS, evidence has shown that interstate movement of deer and elk can quickly spread chronic wasting disease, and
- WHEREAS, evidence from other states strongly suggests that chronic wasting disease has spread from captive deer and elk herds to free ranging deer, and
- WHEREAS, the infectious agent that causes chronic wasting disease is resistant to traditional disinfection techniques and apparently survives in the environment for an extended period of time, and

WHEREAS, although the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has licensed approximately 250 captive deer or elk enclosures of various types, the deer and elk industry in Louisiana is small and not dependent on imported animals, and

WHEREAS, in contrast, the economic impact of deer hunting is in excess of \$600,000,000 per year in Louisiana, providing over 8,500 jobs, and

WHEREAS, the cost to the state and private sector would be substantial if a chronic wasting disease outbreak occurs in Louisiana's wild deer, and

WHEREAS, the primary means of containing a chronic wasting disease outbreak is killing as many deer as possible in an area surrounding the outbreak, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has enacted a declaration of emergency to address chronic wasting disease and other states, including Texas, have placed a moratorium on deer importation, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to protect Louisiana's wild deer resources, the attached Rule prohibiting importation of deer and elk is ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the rules governing white-tailed deer importation.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§117. Deer and Elk Importation

A. Definitions

Elk or red deer - any animal of the species *Cervus elaphus*.

Mule deer or black-tailed deer - any animal of the species *Odocoileus hemionus*.

White-tailed deer - any animal of the species *Odocoileus virginianus*.

B. No person shall import, transport or cause to be imported or transported live white-tailed deer, mule deer, or black-tailed deer (hereinafter "deer"), into or through the State of Louisiana. No person shall import, transport or cause to be imported or transported, live elk or red deer (hereinafter "elk") into or through Louisiana in violation of any Imposition of Quarantine by the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board. Any person transporting deer or elk between licensed facilities within the state must notify the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and provide information as required by the Department prior to departure from the source facility and again upon arrival at the destination facility. A transport identification number will be issued upon providing the required information prior to departure. Transport of deer or elk between licensed facilities without a valid transport identification number is prohibited. Notification must be made to the Enforcement Division at 1-800-442-2511. All deer or elk imported or transported into or through this state in violation of the provisions of this ban shall be seized and disposed of in accordance with LWFC and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries rules and regulations.

C. No person shall receive or possess deer or elk imported or transported in violation of this rule. Any person accepting delivery or taking possession of deer or elk from another person has a duty to review and maintain bills of sale, bills of lading, invoices, and all other documents which indicate the source of the deer or elk.

D. This rule shall be in effect until May 30, 2005.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 24:1140 (June 1998), repromulgated LR 24:1325 (July 1998), amended LR 28: (October 2002).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Then Mr. Prickett presented the **Rule Ratification - Disposal of Illegal Live Deer and Elk**. This rule will handle confiscated deer or elk in Louisiana. Those animals with unknown lineage will be euthanized according to the standard wildlife procedures that are used. The rule will also protect the wild deer resource from diseases. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Prickett to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Stone made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the primary means of containing a chronic wasting disease outbreak is killing as many deer as possible in an area surrounding the outbreak, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has enacted a declaration of emergency to address chronic wasting disease and other states, including Texas, have placed a moratorium on deer importation, and

WHEREAS, confiscated live deer and elk typically are not accompanied by accurate records of their place of origin,

route of translocation, or history of contacts with other animals or holding facilities, and

WHEREAS, contact with chronic wasting disease infected deer or facilities could result in undetected chronic wasting disease infections in the confiscated deer, and

WHEREAS, integration of chronic wasting disease infected confiscated deer into existing captive or wild deer herds could result in chronic wasting disease outbreaks in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, release of non-native deer into the wild can have adverse impacts on native deer by reducing disease/parasite resistance or altering breeding chronology, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to protect Louisiana's wild deer resources, the attached Rule establishing regulations for disposal of confiscated deer and elk is ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules governing disposal of confiscated deer and elk.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§121. Disposal of Illegal Live Deer and Elk

A. Definitions

Elk or red deer - any animal of the species Cervus elaphus.

Mule deer or black-tailed deer - any animal of the species Odocoileus hemionus.

White-tailed deer - any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus.

B. White-tailed deer, mule deer, black-tailed deer, elk, or red deer imported into Louisiana in violation of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) rules or state statutes shall be euthanized by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), or its designee, in a manner conforming to the 2000 Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia. At the discretion of the LDWF, white-tailed deer originating from within Louisiana and possessed in violation of LWFC rules or state statutes, may be euthanized in a manner conforming to the 2000 Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia, or placed with a licensed game breeder in accordance with LDWF guidelines. Certainty of origin, confinement history, and age will be among the factors considered by LDWF in making a determination regarding disposition of white-tailed deer originating from within Louisiana. White-tailed deer placed with licensed game breeders shall remain in confinement for their entire lives and shall not be released into the wild.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 28: (October 2002).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

A Declaration of Emergency - Authorizing Secretary to Extend Oyster Season in Bay Junop was given by Mr. Marty Bourgeois. The action would authorize the Secretary to extend the oyster season in Bay Junop for a period of 10 consecutive days. He then explained that Tropical Storm Isidore came onshore and the Department of Health and Hospitals issued a precautionary closure on most of the areas around the State. The date to reopen Bay Junop would be determined later by the Department of Health and Hospitals. Staff

feels there is a significant resource remaining in Bay Junop. After a check of the area the day before the meeting, samples showed a slight silt overburden in the area. An extra benefit to working the oysters would remove some of that silt. Chairman Gattle asked if the main concern was a health hazard? Mr. Bourgeois answered yes. Hearing no questions, Mr. Bourgeois read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Commissioner Kelly and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

Extension of the 2002 Season on the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation

October 8, 2002

- WHEREAS, emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 49:967(D), allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures when it finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be fished starting on the first Wednesday following Labor Day which in 2002 was September 4, and
- WHEREAS, on August 1, 2002 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved a one-month season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation beginning at official sunrise September 4, 2002 and ending at official sunset October 4, 2002, and
- WHEREAS, high winds and rough seas associated with Tropical Storm Isidore prevented fishing vessels from harvesting oysters within the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation in the days immediately prior to the storm's landfall on September 26, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals has issued an emergency closure of shellfish harvest areas 1 through 24, including Bay Junop, effective at official sunset September 27, 2002, and

WHEREAS, immediately preceding Hurricane Lili, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals issued an emergency closure of all remaining shellfish growing areas within the state effective at official sunset October 2, 2002, and

WHEREAS, the reopening of shellfish growing areas within Bay Junop by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals did not occur before this oyster season closed, and

WHEREAS, there remains a significant yet limited resource available for harvest in Bay Junop and,

WHEREAS, such oyster harvests may be sustained for a period of up to 10 days at fishing effort levels anticipated to remain comparable to those documented preceding the Department of Health and Hospitals emergency closure, and

WHEREAS, this potential for an extension shall enhance public benefit by providing oyster harvesters with increased economic opportunities following impacts sustained by Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to take emergency action to extend the oyster season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation for a period of up to 10 consecutive days following the reopening of shellfish harvest areas by the Department of Health and Hospitals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close this area if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay this season extension or close this area if significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, or if enforcement problems develop, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency authorizing the Secretary to extend the oyster season in Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Authorization to the Secretary to Extend the 2002 Season on the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation

In accordance with emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 49:967(D), which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures when it finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists, and in accordance with R.S. 56:433B(1), which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to extend the taking of oysters on natural reefs by setting the last day of the season to be no later than May fifteenth, notice is hereby given that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend the oyster season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation for a period of up to ten consecutive days following the reopening of shellfish harvest areas in Area 21 by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

On August 1, 2002, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved a one-month season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation beginning at sunrise September 4, 2002 and ending at sunset October 4, 2002. Due to high winds and rough seas associated with Tropical Storm Isidore fishing vessels were prevented from harvesting oysters within Bay Junop in the days immediately prior to the storm's landfall on September 26. Additionally, the Department of Health and Hospitals issued an emergency closure of shellfish harvest areas 1 through 24, including Bay Junop, effective at official sunset September 27, 2002 and the reopening of shellfish harvest areas within Bay Junop by the Department of Health and Hospitals did not occur before this oyster season closed. Furthermore, the effects of Hurricane Lili

have resulted in the additional closure of all remaining oyster harvest areas in the state by the Department of Health and Hospitals effective at sunset October 2, 2002. There may remain a significant yet limited oyster resource available for harvest in Bay Junop and such oyster harvests may be sustained for a period of up to 10 consecutive days at fishing effort levels anticipated to remain comparable to those documented preceding the current Department of Health and Hospitals emergency closure. This extension shall enhance public welfare by providing oyster harvesters with increased economic opportunities following impacts sustained by Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is also authorized to take emergency action as necessary to close the season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season extension if significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival or if enforcement problems develop, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen Bay Junop if previously closed and the threat to the resource has ended.

Notice of this extension, delaying or closing of the season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Mullet Task Force Recommendations Regarding Seasons and Times began with Mr. Pete Gericca stating the Task Force met on September 18 and discussed possible changes to the mullet season. He stated they would like to swap time where they could fish on the tides. They would like to fish in November with the tides since they cannot fish at night. Chairman Gattle stated the Commission does not have the authority to make any changes. Mr. Gericca asked for the Commission's backing if legislation was proposed to make those changes. Most fisheries do not work on time, they move with the tides, he concluded.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **February 2003 Meeting** on Thursday, February 6, 2003 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Gattle then asked for any **Public Comments**. Mr. Phil Bowman stated he would give an uncomplete, brief assessment of the effects of Hurricane Lili on the coastal resources. The Barrier Islands suffered significant erosion, especially on Timbalier Island where it was cut in 2 or 3 different places. There was some damage on the Rockefeller Refuge to sheds and roads and also the levees were overtopped. Some damage occurred to the facilities on State Wildlife Refuge as well as water overtopping the levees. It seemed Marsh Island took a significant hit from the hurricane. There was significant damage to generators, air conditioners, and sewage treatment plants; it blew siding from the camp, the wave action from the storm surge put water inside the camp and water overtopped the levees. The only bright spot from the storm was a significant mortality to the muskrat population. Atchafalaya Delta had a significant storm surge, tree damage occurred on the camp grounds, houseboats left on the area received significant damage and it also left a tremendous amount of debris. The hurricane did not impact the deer population on the Main Island of the Delta. Impacts to submersed aquatic vegetation occurred on Pointe-aux-Chenes, Marsh Island and Atchafalaya Delta. These submersed aquatics are important to waterfowl as wintering habitat. Several levees on Pointe-aux-Chenes failed causing 8-9 feet of water to accumulate under the headquarters building. Some of the equipment on the area was lost and will need to be replaced as well as about 10 miles of the levee. The marsh as a whole from the western shore of Vermilion Bay to the east showed a lot of burning from the storm surge of saltwater. Pass-a-Loutre had the least amount of damage to its facilities. Mr. Bowman then stated a detailed presentation with photographs would be given at the next meeting. He did note that the Department exercised its discretion in closing the deer season for a few days. But several impoundments in the Maurepas Swamp, Joyce and Manchac WMAs area still had water and would remain closed until October 12. Commissioner Kelly asked about the White Lake area. Mr. Bowman stated White Lake had significant tree damage, but the facilities were not impacted to any great degree and the levees were not overtopped. Commissioner Stone asked how far north did the storm go? Mr. Bowman stated there was some tree damage but not as significant as what occurred with Hurricane Andrew. However, the wind did blow a lot of the mast crop from trees. Commissioner Stone then asked if the storm got any eagles and Mr. Bowman answered no.


Commissioner Felterman asked if there were any fish kills. Mr. John Roussel stated they were still in the early stages and most of the kills occur following the storm. But first, Chairman

Gattle asked how many acres were affected in the 10 miles of levee damage on Pointe-aux-Chenes. Mr. Bowman stated each impoundment covered 4,000 to 6,000 acres. Getting back to the fish kills, Mrs. Karen Foote stated the only significant marine kill was off Marsh Island. There were millions of 6 inch menhaden with a few other fish mixed in. There were early reports of fish kills in the northern part of Vermilion Bay and Atchafalaya Bay. Samples were taken from the northern part of the bay out to Marsh Island and the only area with low oxygen occurred around Weeks Island. Mrs. Foote felt they would know more by the next meeting. Mr. Glenn Thomas stated on the inland fisheries side, fish kills were occurring right now. A few reports came in right after the storm, but now there are some scattered kills occurring through the Basin and pretty significant kills along the Wax Lake Outlet area. He stated there was a good kill that occurred in the Mermentau River. Overall it did not look as bad as it did after Hurricane Andrew, commented Mr. Thomas. Commissioner Kelly asked if anyone checked the Bayou Teche area? Mr. Thomas stated there was a small kill in New Iberia around the locks and they probably moved on down into the bayou.

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There being no further business, Commissioner Felterman made a motion to Adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Stone.



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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10/14/2002

Marianne,

For your review,
please.

10/14/02 Thanks,
Susan
Hawkins

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

Gattle, Jr. presiding.

~~Lee Felterman~~

Tom Kelly

Jerry Stone

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioners Bill Busbice, Terry Denmon and Wayne Sagrera were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Gattle called for a motion for approval of the **September 5, 2002 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Felterman and seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no opposition.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for September** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations were issued during September.

Region I - Minden - 111 citations and 7 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 99 citations.

Region III - Alexandria - 113 citations and 6 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 91 citations and 3 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 107 citations and 3 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 113 citations and 7 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 175 citations and 10 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 325 citations and 23 warnings.

Region IX - Schriever - 161 citations and 6 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 52 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 23 citations.

SWEP - 40 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 28 citations and 1 warning.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of September was 1,438. Also there were 66 warning citations issued statewide. Major LaCaze then noted the different citations written and the seizures taken during the teal season.

The aviation report for August 2002 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 66.7 hours for enforcement and 22.0 hours for other divisions.

Activities for the month included having lots of enforcement effort on the Pearl River due to flooding from Tropical Storm Isidore and then along the coast from Hurricane Lili. Lt. Col. Charlie Clark would have a report on the activities associated with the Hurricane at the next meeting. Chairman Gattle asked if the hunting season has been accident free thus far? Major LaCaze stated there has been no reports.

The **Public Information Quarterly Report** began with Ms. Marianne Burke stating there were samples of the work from the Section in their packets. Two issues of the Louisiana Conservationist Magazine were put out during the quarter. Circulation is just under 25,000 which Ms. Burke said was better than average. Media Relations and News Program were involved in 2 interviews, 52 news releases and 1 joint release, the hunting regulations pamphlet and the migratory bird pamphlet. The Library Program was slow during the summer months and it should pick up as school gets going. The Public Information Section is also responsible for special events such as the National Hunting and Fishing Day in Baton Rouge only. During August, the Section participated in and helped coordinate the Sportsman's Paradise Hunting & Fishing Expo for the Department. About 27,000 people went through the event over the 2 days it was held. Ms. Burke then showed a video on highlights from the Expo. Chairman Gattle asked about the Hunting and Fishing Day events around the State? Ms.

Burke stated she did not have a report from all event coordinators, but as soon as she gets it, she would share it with the Commission.

Mr. Brandt Savoie handled the next item, a **Rule Ratification - Coastwide Nutria Control Program**. At the last meeting, an amendment to the proposed rule was presented based on comments from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This amendment was adopted. Mr. Savoie asked the Commission to ratify the rule. Chairman Gattle asked if everything was in place with the application? Mr. Savoie stated staff was working with Division of Administration on the proposal for a contractor. He hoped everything would be in place by November 20 when the trapping season opens. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to adopt the Rule and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Rule is made a part of the record.)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish a coastwide nutria control program.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§123. Coastwide Nutria Control Program

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby establish regulations governing participation in the coastwide nutria control program. The administrative responsibility for this program shall rest with the Department Secretary; the Assistant Secretary, Office of Wildlife; and the Fur and Refuge Division.

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e. Participant shall declare parish, section, township, and range in coastal Louisiana where animals were taken and indicate method of take and carcass use. Tails from animals taken from outside of the participants permitted property shall not qualify for payment in this program.

f. Participant shall sign the receipt/voucher provided by the department contractor to acknowledge number of tails presented and accuracy of information provided.

5. Violation of any part of these regulations is a class 2 violation and conviction may result in disqualification from the program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 28: (October 2002).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

There were no **Public Comments - 2003 Turkey Season** made during this meeting.

A Rule Ratification - Deer and Elk Importation was the first item to be handled by Mr. Tommy Prickett. This rule would ban the importation of deer and elk into Louisiana. During the process, 2 comments were received, one opposed to the rule from the North American Deer Farmer's Association and the other from the Louisiana Forestry Association in support of the rule. Mr. Prickett asked for a motion to ratify the Rule. Chairman Gattle asked if the rule has anything to do with exporting? Mr. Prickett stated no, but the farmers would have to comply with the regulations from the state the animals were going to. Chairman Gattle then asked what was the Department of Agriculture's stand on the proposed rule? Mr. Prickett stated the quarantine was still in place from the Livestock Sanitary Board and as such will not authorize the importation of deer and elk. He reminded the Commission that after the incident with the deer from Minnesota, Secretary Jenkins and Commissioner of Agriculture Bob Odom agreed not to permit any more importations of deer or elk into Louisiana without first having public hearings on that issue. Commissioner Stone asked if those deer from Minnesota have been tested? Mr. Prickett stated there were 44 initially, but of the remaining 29, 20 have been collected

and 9 of the tests have been completed and all were negative. There are still 9 animals to be collected from large-type pens. Hearing no further questions, Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Prickett to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Kelly made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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D. This rule shall be in effect until May 30, 2005.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

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Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Then Mr. Prickett presented the **Rule Ratification - Disposal of Illegal Live Deer and Elk**. This rule will handle confiscated deer or elk in Louisiana. Those animals with unknown lineage will be euthanized according to the standard wildlife procedures that are used. The rule will also protect the wild deer resource from diseases. Chairman Gattle asked Mr. Prickett to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Stone made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Rule are made a part of the record.)

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A Declaration of Emergency - Authorizing Secretary to Extend Oyster Season in Bay Junop was given by Mr. Marty Bourgeois. The action would authorize the Secretary to extend the oyster season in Bay Junop for a period of 10 consecutive days. He then explained that Tropical Storm Isidore came onshore and the Department of Health and Hospitals issued a precautionary closure on most of the areas around the State. The date to reopen Bay Junop would be determined later by the Department of Health and Hospitals. Staff

feels there is a significant resource remaining in Bay Junop. After a check of the area the day before the meeting, samples showed a slight silt overburden in the area. An extra benefit to working the oysters would remove some of that silt. Chairman Gattle asked if the main concern was a health hazard? Mr. Bourgeois answered yes. Hearing no questions, Mr. Bourgeois read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Commissioner Kelly and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

Extension of the 2002 Season on the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation

October 8, 2002

- WHEREAS, emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 49:967(D), allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures when it finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be fished starting on the first Wednesday following Labor Day which in 2002 was September 4, and
- WHEREAS, on August 1, 2002 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved a one-month season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation beginning at official sunrise September 4, 2002 and ending at official sunset October 4, 2002, and
- WHEREAS, high winds and rough seas associated with Tropical Storm Isidore prevented fishing vessels from harvesting oysters within the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation in the days immediately prior to the storm's landfall on September 26, and

have resulted in the additional closure of all remaining oyster harvest areas in the state by the Department of Health and Hospitals effective at sunset October 2, 2002. There may remain a significant yet limited oyster resource available for harvest in Bay Junop and such oyster harvests may be sustained for a period of up to 10 consecutive days at fishing effort levels anticipated to remain comparable to those documented preceding the current Department of Health and Hospitals emergency closure. This extension shall enhance public welfare by providing oyster harvesters with increased economic opportunities following impacts sustained by Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is also authorized to take emergency action as necessary to close the season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season extension if significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival or if enforcement problems develop, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen Bay Junop if previously closed and the threat to the resource has ended.

Notice of this extension, delaying or closing of the season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.
Chairman

Mullet Task Force Recommendations Regarding Seasons and Times began with Mr. Pete Gerica stating the Task Force met on September 18 and discussed possible changes to the mullet season. He stated they would like to swap time where they could fish on the tides. They would like to fish in November with the tides since they cannot fish at night. Chairman Gattle stated the Commission does not have the authority to make any changes. Mr. Gerica asked for the Commission's backing if legislation was proposed to make those changes. Most fisheries do not work on time, they move with the tides, he concluded.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **February 2003 Meeting** on Thursday, February 6, 2003 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

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James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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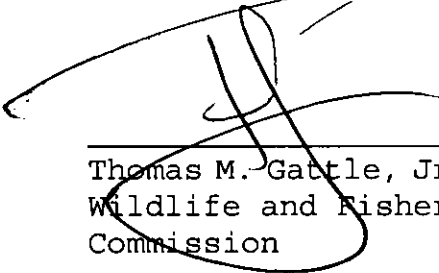
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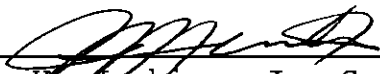
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WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has enacted a declaration of emergency to address chronic wasting disease and other states, including Texas, have placed a moratorium on deer importation, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to protect Louisiana's wild deer resources, the attached Rule prohibiting importation of deer and elk is ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the rules governing white-tailed deer importation.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§117. Deer and Elk Importation

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D. This rule shall be in effect until May 30, 2005.

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Chairman

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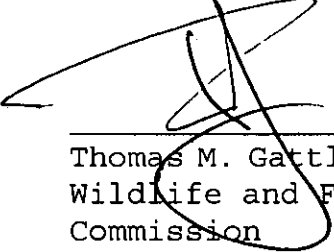
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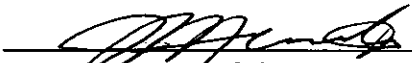
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WHEREAS, release of non-native deer into the wild can have adverse impacts on native deer by reducing disease/parasite resistance or altering breeding chronology, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to protect Louisiana's wild deer resources, the attached Rule establishing regulations for disposal of confiscated deer and elk is ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules governing disposal of confiscated deer and elk.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§121. Disposal of Illegal Live Deer and Elk

A. Definitions

Elk or red deer - any animal of the species Cervus elaphus.

Mule deer or black-tailed deer - any animal of the species Odocoileus hemionus.

White-tailed deer - any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus.

B. White-tailed deer, mule deer, black-tailed deer, elk, or red deer imported into Louisiana in violation of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) rules or state statutes shall be euthanized by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), or its designee, in a manner conforming to the 2000 Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia. At the discretion of the LDWF, white-tailed deer originating from within Louisiana and possessed

in violation of LWFC rules or state statutes, may be euthanized in a manner conforming to the *2000 Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia*, or placed with a licensed game breeder in accordance with LDWF guidelines. Certainty of origin, confinement history, and age will be among the factors considered by LDWF in making a determination regarding disposition of white-tailed deer originating from within Louisiana. White-tailed deer placed with licensed game breeders shall remain in confinement for their entire lives and shall not be released into the wild.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 28: (October 2002).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

Extension of the 2002 Season on the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation

October 8, 2002

- WHEREAS, emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 49:967(D), allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures when it finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be fished starting on the first Wednesday following Labor Day which in 2002 was September 4, and
- WHEREAS, on August 1, 2002 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved a one-month season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation beginning at official sunrise September 4, 2002 and ending at official sunset October 4, 2002, and
- WHEREAS, high winds and rough seas associated with Tropical Storm Isidore prevented fishing vessels from harvesting oysters within the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation in the days immediately prior to the storm's landfall on September 26, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals has issued an emergency closure of shellfish harvest areas 1 through 24, including Bay Junop, effective at official sunset September 27, 2002, and
- WHEREAS, immediately preceding Hurricane Lili, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals issued an emergency closure of all remaining shellfish growing areas within the state effective at official sunset October 2, 2002, and
- WHEREAS, the reopening of shellfish growing areas within Bay Junop by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals did not occur before this oyster season closed, and
- WHEREAS, there remains a significant yet limited resource available for harvest in Bay Junop and,

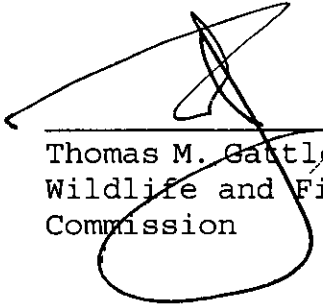
WHEREAS, such oyster harvests may be sustained for a period of up to 10 days at fishing effort levels anticipated to remain comparable to those documented preceding the Department of Health and Hospitals emergency closure, and

WHEREAS, this potential for an extension shall enhance public benefit by providing oyster harvesters with increased economic opportunities following impacts sustained by Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili, now

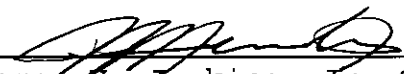
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to take emergency action to extend the oyster season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation for a period of up to 10 consecutive days following the reopening of shellfish harvest areas by the Department of Health and Hospitals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close this area if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay this season extension or close this area if significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, or if enforcement problems develop, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency authorizing the Secretary to extend the oyster season in Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation is attached to and made a part of this resolution.



Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



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Department of Wildlife and
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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Authorization to the Secretary to Extend the 2002 Season
on the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation

In accordance with emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 49:967(D), which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures when it finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists, and in accordance with R.S. 56:433B(1), which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to extend the taking of oysters on natural reefs by setting the last day of the season to be no later than May fifteenth, notice is hereby given that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend the oyster season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation for a period of up to ten consecutive days following the reopening of shellfish harvest areas in Area 21 by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

On August 1, 2002, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved a one-month season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation beginning at sunrise September 4, 2002 and ending at sunset October 4, 2002. Due to high winds and rough seas associated with Tropical Storm Isidore fishing vessels were prevented from harvesting oysters within Bay Junop in the days immediately prior to the storm's landfall on September 26.

Additionally, the Department of Health and Hospitals issued an emergency closure of shellfish harvest areas 1 through 24, including Bay Junop, effective at official sunset September 27, 2002 and the reopening of shellfish harvest areas within Bay Junop by the Department of Health and Hospitals did not occur before this oyster season closed. Furthermore, the effects of Hurricane Lili have resulted in the additional closure of all remaining oyster harvest areas in the state by the Department of Health and Hospitals effective at sunset October 2, 2002. There may remain a significant yet limited oyster resource available for harvest in Bay Junop and such oyster harvests may be sustained for a period of up to 10 consecutive days at fishing effort levels anticipated to remain comparable to those documented preceding the current Department of Health and Hospitals emergency closure. This extension shall enhance public welfare by providing oyster harvesters with increased economic opportunities following impacts sustained by Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is also authorized to take emergency action as necessary to close the season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season extension if significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival or if enforcement problems develop, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen Bay Junop if previously closed and the threat to the resource has ended.

Notice of this extension, delaying or closing of the season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

NBA/OUTDOORS

Hurricane Lili's damage still being felt by wildlife

By **JOE MACALUSO**

Advocate outdoors writer

The main agenda items went quickly.

The post-Hurricane Lili report didn't, and the four attending members of the seven-man Wildlife and Fisheries Commission didn't like what they heard at Tuesday's meeting.

After ratifying regulations banning the importation and disposal of deer and elk in the state and the state's first-ever bounty in the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries personnel paraded to the podium to outline the lingering effect of last Thursday's passage of Lili through the center of the state.

The only bits of good news was that the water across the coastal area has receded enough to reopen the deer season south of the I-10/I-12 line, including the Pearl River wildlife management area.

Wildlife Division administrator Tom Prickett said water remained high in Maurepas Swamp, Manchac and Joyce wildlife management areas, that those three WMAs will remain closed through Friday and will reopen to deer hunting at legal shooting hours Saturday.

The word from Inland Fisheries Research Program Manager R. Glenn Thomas worsened as he read from a list.

"We are conducting field investigations now," Thomas said. "And, we're finding dead fish."

The worst on the list came from the Bayou Berard-Bayou Amy-Bayou Portage area.

"There are hundreds of thousands of dead fish there...it's on the southern end of the Atchafalaya area," Thomas said.

Field biologists turned up extra-low levels of dissolved oxygen in the waters in those three bayous. Thomas blamed the low DO for the kill.

Marine Fisheries Section crews investigated the first reported fish kill in Lili's wake. Section administrator Karen Foote said the massive fish kill reported Friday near Marsh

Island was mostly menhaden, a highly prized commercial species and a vital fish in the Gulf of Mexico's food chain. Marsh Island, which guards the entrance to Vermilion Bay, was in the direct path of the hurricane.

She said MFS staff is working another reported kill in the Wax Lake Outlet.

Thomas ticked off other areas the LDWF staff is working:

- Flat Lake on the southern end of the Atchafalaya Basin;
- Belle River near Stephenville;
- Bayou Teche south of New Iberia;
- The Motiva plant in Convent;
- Catahoula Lake;
- and, Bayous Courtableau, Darby, Boeuf and Rapides.

He described the kills on Courtableau, Catahoula and Darby as "...being in the thousands," and the others in the hundreds of reported dead fish.

He added that Bayou Benoit has fish "piping," a term used when fish come to the surface gasping for oxygen. He explained piping is an indication of low dissolved oxygen and a predictor of an impending fish kill.

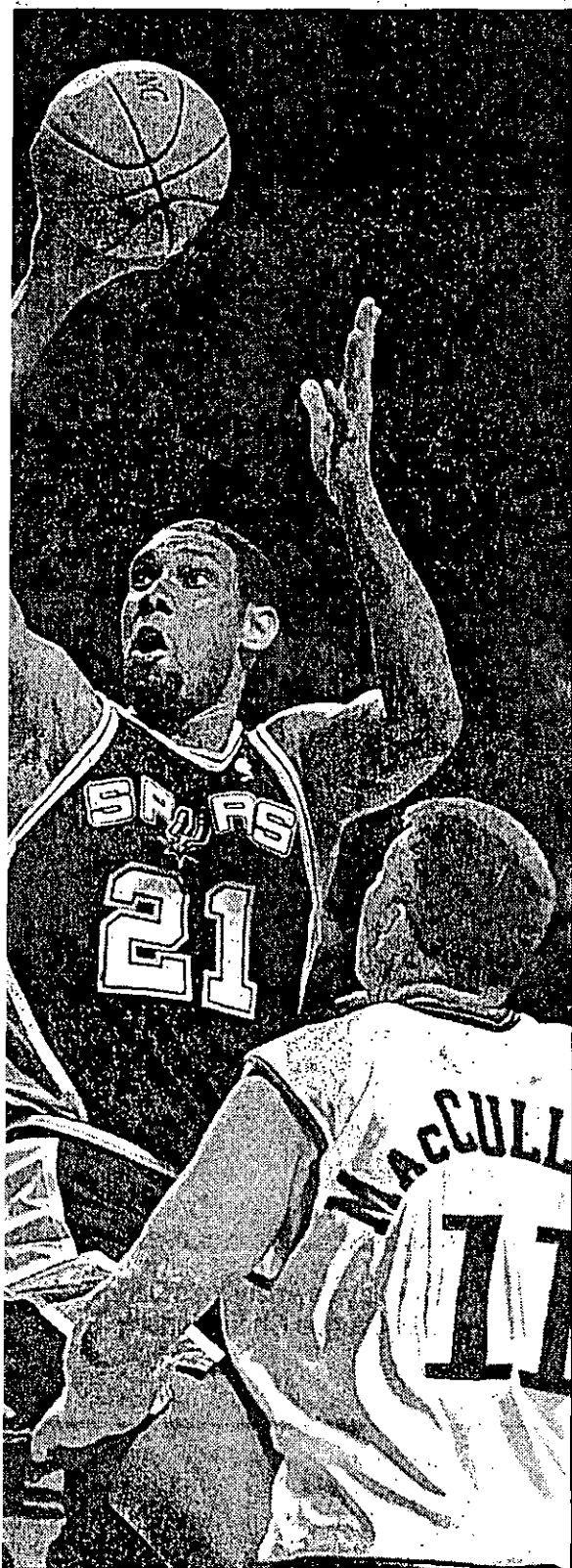
LDWF assistant secretary Phil Bowman said field surveys showed extensive damage to the agency's station on Marsh Island — "It took an eight-foot storm surge," Bowman said — lesser damage on State Wildlife and Rockefeller refuges and at the public camping area on the Atchafalaya Delta WMA.

He said the storm killed hundreds of muskrats on Marsh Island.

"Pointe aux Chenes (WMA) received water when a levee broke south of the area and we lost equipment and it looks like we'll have to replace 10 miles of levee to keep our two water management units," Bowman outlined.

He said the two WMUs, which make up as much as 12,000 acres, were key areas for waterfowl hunting. Prickett also reported saltwater-burned freshwater marshes along the coast.

LDWF agents are checking on reports of dead deer in the coastal areas, and Prickett said he suspects high mortality on recently born fawns.



Associated Press photo

shoots over Philadelphia 76ers' Keith Van Horn, season action Tuesday night. Duncan had 18 Philadelphia 95-82.

Read Scott Rabalais in ...

The Advocate



COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Tuesday, October 8, 2002
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Tom Gattle (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Jerry Stone	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Bill Busbice	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Tom Kelly	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Wayne Sagrera	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Terry Denmon	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Lee Felterman	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 4 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2002

REGION 1:MINDEN
18 Agent positions

PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER

TOTAL CASES	111
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
9	Boating Safety
5	Angling W/O A Resident License
2	Fishing W/O A Resident Cane Pole License
1	Sell/Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
1	Transport W/O Required License
5	Hunting W/O A Resident License
1	Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp
1	Hunt Squirrels C/S
1	Take Alligators W/O A License
1	Illegal Possession Alligators
2	Violate Federal MGB Treaty Act
2	Hunt MGB W/Unplugged Gun
58	Hunt MGB Over Bait
1	Possession Untagged MGB
4	Wanton Waste Of MGB
2	Possession Over Limit Doves

1	Possession Over Limit Ducks
2	Hunt MGB W/O A State License
2	Not Abiding By R&R on WMA
3	Littering
7	Aiding & Abetting

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 7	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
140# shrimp; 197 doves; 1 .22 cal rifle; 18 teal.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
9	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
79	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
2	Miscellaneous
7	Recreational Fishing

9	State Hunting/Trapping
7	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 2:MONROE
20 Agent positions

**PARISHES: E. CARROLL, JACKSON,
 LINCOLN,MOREHOUSE
 QUACHITA, RICHLAND
 UNION, W. CARROLL**

TOTAL CASES	99
TOTAL	CITATIONS DESCRIPTION
13	Boating
1	Littering
1	Hunt Doves Closed Season
3	Hunt MGB With Unplugged Gun
3	Operate ATV On Public Road
38	Hunt MGB Over Bait
1	Aiding and Abetting
3	Hunt W/O Resident License
1	Hunt MGB From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt MGB From Public Road
1	Hunt/Discharge Firearm From Public Road
3	Take Deer Illegal Hours
3	Hunt Deer From Public Road
3	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt Deer Closed Season
2	Take Game Fish Illegally
2	Use Illegal Size Mesh Net
1	Blocking Passage Of Fish
1	Failure To Tag Nets
3	Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
2	Angle W/O Non-resident License
7	Angle W/O Resident License

1	Fish W/O Pole License
1	Reckless Operation of Vehicle
1	Resisting An Officer By Flight
1	Possession of Live Alligator W/O Permit
1	Take Alligator Without License

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
118 doves, 1 alligator, 12 packages of deer meat, 1-Remington Model 7400, 30.06 rifle, 100 feet two inch gill webbing and 4 white perch.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
13	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
48	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
5	Miscellaneous
12	Recreational Fishing
16	State Hunting/Trapping
-0-	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Public Assistance (Assisting Stranded Motorists and Boaters)

REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA

26 Agent positions

PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT**NATCHITOCHE****RAPIDES, SABINE****VERNON, WINN**

TOTAL CASES	113
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
15	Boating
5	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
16	Angling W/O A Resident License
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Commercial Fisherman Sell To Consumer W/O Fresh Products License
2	Comm. Fresh Product Licensee Fail To Report or Maintain Records
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Gear License
1	Hunt From Public Road
29	Hunt MGB Over Baited Area
6	Hunt W/O Resident License
1	Hunt MGB With Unplugged Gun
4	Possess Over Limit Of Doves (Field Possession)
1	Possess Untagged MGB
2	Hunt MGB From Public Road

2	Obtain License By Fraud
2	Hunt And/Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal
2	Hunt Squirrel Closed Season
1	Hunt Doves Closed Season
1	Illegal Possession Of Wild Quads, Wild Birds Or Parts Thereof
1	Take/Possess Spotted Fawn
3	Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Permit
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs (Poss. Firearm During Closed Season)
1	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt W/O Bow License
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
3	Littering
3	Operate ATV On Public Road
5	Criminal Trespass On State Property

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 6	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Hunt W/O Non-Resident Active Military Big Game License
1	Bow Hunt W/O Non-Resident Active Military Bow License
1	Hunt W/O Non-Resident Active Military Basic License
2	Hunt On WMA W/O WMA Hunting Permit

1	Use WMA W/O A License Or Stamp
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CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
152 doves, 3 rod & reel combos, 7 ducks, 7 squirrels, 1 outboard motor, 1 wild turkey, 3 spotted fawn.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
15	Boating
6	Commercial Fishing
40	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
11	Miscellaneous
21	Recreational Fishing
17	State Hunting/Trapping
6	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
9	Public Assistance

REGION 4:FERRIDAY
24 Agent positions

PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA
CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN
LASALLE, MADISON, TENSAS

TOTAL CASES	91
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Boating
7	Angling W/O A Resident License
2	Take Or Possess Game Fish Illegally
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
3	Sell Fish W/O A Retail Seafood Dealers License
2	Use Illegal Mesh Nets
4	Hunting W/O Resident License
3	Hunting From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt From Public Road Or Right-Of-Way
1	Possession Of Wild Quadrupeds W/O Permit
2	Hunt Squirrel Closed Season
2	Hunt Or Take Deer Closed Season
3	Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light
1	Take Or Possess Spotted Fawn
2	Violate MGB Treaty Act

4	Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
5	Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
16	Hunting MGB Over Baited Area
1	Hunt Or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season
2	Hunt Doves Closed Season
9	Possession Over limit of Doves-state and federal court
4	Possess Over Limit Of Ducks
2	Take Or Possess Other Non-Game Birds-No Season
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
2	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 3	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Boating
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
60 lbs. of shrimp, 232 doves, 9 deer, 4 squirrels, 36 teal, 10 crappie, 1 barn swallow, 1 wood duck, 3 sandpipers, 2 ATV's, 6 guns, 4 knives and 1 ice chest.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Boating
9	Commercial Fishing
45	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
7	Recreational Fishing
18	State Hunting/Trapping
3	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance

REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES
23 Agent positions

PARISHES: BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU
EVANGELINE, ALLEN,
CAMERON, ACADIA,
VERMILION, JEFF DAVIS

TOTAL CASES	107
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
19	Boating
15	Angling W/O A License
5	Angling W/O A License Non. Res.
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
3	Take Or Poss. U/S Red Drum (Rec)
5	Take Or Poss. U/S Black Drum (Rec)
1	Comm. Rules & Regulations Red Snapper (Rec)
1	Failure To Comply W/Charter Boat Regulations
1	Failure To Have Comm. License In Poss.
1	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Comm. Lic.
1	Sell &/Or Buy Fish W/O WS/RT Dealer's Lic. – Res.
10	Sell &/Or Buy Fish W/o Retail S/F License
15	Failure To Maintain Records
2	Hntg. W/O Res. License
1	Hntg. From Moving Vehicle And/Or Aircraft
4	Hntg. Wild Quadrupeds &/Or Wild Birds Illegal Hours

1	Hunt, Stand, Loiter From Public Road
1	Take Squirrel Illegal Method
3	Take Alligator W/O A License
1	Hntg. Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp
2	Hntg. MGB W/Unplugged Gun
1	Hntg. &/Or Poss. Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season Only
1	Hntg. MGB From A Vehicle
1	Transport Of Completely Dressed MEG
1	Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Zone Only
2	Littering
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
3	Dicharge Firearm From Public Road
2	Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor
2	Miscellaneous Federal Violation – Aiding and Abetting

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 3	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Failure To Comply W/PFD Requirement
2	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
46 seafood sales receipt; 4 rods; 4 reels; 9 red drum u/s; 14 black drum u/s; 1 red snapper u/s; 2 alligators; 3 mourning doves; 2 Eurasian collared doves; 1 wood duck; 1 teal; 4 rice samples; 36 lead shot shells; 1 pipe & noose; 1 beer can.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
19	Boating
28	Commercial Fishing
9	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
6	Miscellaneous
31	Recreational Fishing
12	State Hunting/Trapping
3	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 6:OPELOUSAS
24 Agent positions

PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
PT.COUPÉE,LAFAYETTE
ST.MARTIN,IBERIA
IBERVILLE,W.B.R.

TOTAL CASES	113
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
30	Boating
4	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
14	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
35	Angling W/O License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
7	Hunt W/O Resident License
3	Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules/Regulations
2	Fail To Maintain Records
2	Hunt With Unplugged Gun
5	Angling W/O Resident Pole License
1	Possess Spotted Fawn
2	Illegal Possession Of Wild Birds, Wild Quadruped
2	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
2	Operate ATV From Public Road

1	Take/Possess Overlimit Of Freshwater Gamefish
1	Contributing To The Delinquency Of A Juvenile

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 7	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating
4	Angling W/O License
1	Angling W/O Resident Pole License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
4 rod and reels, 3 doves, 15 lb. Live shrimp (returned to water), 1 receipt, 1 shotgun, 1 spotted fawn, 25 black bass.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
30	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
3	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
60	Recreational Fishing
14	State Hunting/Trapping
7	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 7:BATON ROUGE**22 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON,
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
W. FELICIANA**

TOTAL CASES	175
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
74	Boating <2-D.W.I.'s>
25	Fishing w/o Resident License
2	Fishing w/o Non-Residence License
3	Fail to Comply w/Game Fish Regulations
3	Fail to Maintain Records
2	Take Commercial Fish w/o Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish w/o Commercial Gear License
1	Commercial Fisherman Sell to Consumer w/o Fresh Product License
2	Take Commercial Fish w/o Commercial Vessel License
1	Buy/Sell Fish w/o Wholesale Retail License
2	Remove Contents of Crab Traps
4	Theft of Crab Traps
8	Un-Tagged Crab Traps
8	Hunt w/o Basic License
1	Hunt w/o Non-Resident Basic License

4	Hunt from a Moving Vehicle
1	Discharge Firearm from Public Road
2	Hunt w/Un-Plugged Gun
6	Hunt or Take Deer Illegal Hours
2	Take Dear from Public Road
3	Take Spotted Fawn
8	Possess Spotted Fawn
4	Criminal Trespass
1	Possess Over Limit of Doves
1	Take Other Than Teal During Teal Season
1	Possess Lead Shot in Steel Shot Zone
2	Violate Rules and Regulations of W.M.A.
1	Fail to Comply w/Scenic River Regulations
1	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 10	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Boating
4	Angle w/o License
1	Hunt w/o Basic License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
4—Spotted Fawn (3-live, 1-Dead), 18 doves, 1 mottled duck, 76 lbs. of crabs returned-to-water, 2 rifles.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
74	Boating <2—D.W.I.'s>
27	Commercial Fishing
3	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
5	Miscellaneous
27	Recreational Fishing
38	State Hunting/Trapping
10	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
252	Public Assistance: 248-Tropical Storm Isadore Evacuated in Slidell

REGION 8:NEW ORLEANS
18 Agent positions

**PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,
 ORLEANS, JEFFERSON
 ST. CHARLES**

TOTAL CASES	325
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
58	Boating
91	Angling W/O A License
6	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Violate Recreational Gear Lic. Req
15	Angling W/O Saltwater Lic.
3	Destroy Areas for Fish Propagation
1	Taking/Poss. Over limit Freshwater Fish
10	Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum(On Water)
2	Poss. O/L of Red Drum in Excess of 27"(Recreational)
4	Take or Poss. Undersized Red Drum(Recreational)
3	Take or Poss. Undersized Spotted Sea Trout(Recreational)
5	Take or Poss. Undersized Black Drum
1	Take or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Lic.
1	CML Fisherman Sell to Consumer without a Fresh Products license
6	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear Lic.(Skimmer)
6	Take or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel Lic.

2	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's Lic.(Resident)
4	Fail to Maintain Records
3	Take/Poss. U/s CML Fish
1	Sell and/or Purchase Game Fish
1	Fail to Comply w/Gamefish Shipping Regulations
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman
2	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
2	Removing Contents from Legal Crab Traps
2	Use Oversize Skimmers
2	Failure to Have Written Permission
2	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off a Private Lease
9	Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
24	Failure to Display Proper Number on Vessel
1	Possess Live Wild Quadrupeds W/O Permit
1	Use Firearm Equip W/Illegal Electronic Sights
4	Hunt Rabbits Closed Season
1	Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp
1	Fail to Tag Alligator Upon Taking
1	Take Alligator W/O License
2	Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp

1	Hunting MGB with an unplugged gun
1	Hunting MGB with live decoys
5	Hunting and/or Possess Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season
2	Using Lead Shot In Areas Designated As Steel Shot Only
2	Hunting Ducks Closed Season
2	Possess Over Limit of Ducks (Field Possession)
2	Hunt MGB Without State Duck Stamp
2	Hunting MGB Without State Hunting License
2	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations on WMA
1	Hunt on WMA without WMA Hunting Permit
1	Operating a Vessel While Intoxicated
1	Public Intimidation
5	Littering
5	Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries
1	Flight From an Officer
1	Reckless Operation of a Vehicle
7	Violation of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9
4	Violation of Sanitary Code(Vessel Regulations)

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 23	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
11	Boating
3	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A Saltwater License
3	Take or Poss. Undersized Red Drum(Recreational)
1	Take or Poss. Undersized Black Drum
3	Take Undersize Oysters From Natural Reef
1	Failure to Display Proper Number on Vessel

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
<p>Returned to Water....Oyster Sacks(481)...Crabs(105 lbs, 36)...Shrimp(3 lbs.)...Seafood(5 lbs.)</p> <p>Destroyed...Channel Catfish(899)</p> <p>Donated....Spotted Seatrout(25)....Teal(14)...Teal Breast(14)...Teal Carcasses(6)...Red Drum(102)...Bass(20)...Black Drum(20)...Flounder(1)...Croaker(4)...Redfish filets(10 bags)....Fish filets(3 bags)...Cut Redfish(6 bags)...Pompano(5)...Catfish(2)...Deer(1)</p> <p>Hardware Confiscated....Crab traps(7)...Receipts for softshell crab purchases(6)...trip tickets(17)...Outboard motor(1)...Fish lugs(5)...6 gal gas tank(1)...semi auto pistol(1)...22marlin w/electronic sights(1)...purchase records(28)...skimmer nets(2)...rod and reel(6)...logbook sheet(2)...Bass boat(1)...vessel(3)...dredges(4)...shotgun shells(2 boxes)...live decoy(1)...spent shells(1 box)...fishing pole(1)... ice chest (5)</p>

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
58	Boating
69	Commercial Fishing
21	Federal Migratory
6	Littering
21	Miscellaneous
142	Recreational Fishing
8	State Hunting/Trapping
23	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance

REGION 9: SCHRIEVER**25 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

TOTAL CASES	161
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
30	Boating
55	Angling Without A License
4	Angling Without A Non-Resident License
1	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
24	Angling Without Saltwater License
3	Angling Without Saltwater License Non-Resident
1	Take Over Limit Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
7	Take Undersized Red Drum
1	Take Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)
8	Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Take Over Limit Of Red Drum (On Water)
1	CML Fisherman Sell To Consumer Without Fresh Products License
1	Fail To Comply With Charter Boat Regulation
2	Take Commercial Fish Without Vessel License

2	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A private Lease
2	Hunting With Unplugged Gun
1	Possess Live Wild Quadrupe Without Permit
1	Possess Spotted Fawn
1	Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
1	Hunting MGB Over Baited Area
1	Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
1	Hunting Ducks Other Than Teal During Teal Season
1	Littering
4	Hunt On WMA Without WMA Hunting Permit
3	Not Abiding Rules And Regulations WMA Over Limit Crabs
1	Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Resist An Officer

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Boating
2	Angling Without A License
1	Angling Without Non-Resident Saltwater License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
25 red drum, 1 mottled duck, 5 teal ducks, 6 doves, 2 bait samples, 396 lbs crabs, 3 speckle trout, 34 black drum, 2 black bass, 1 raccoon, 1 oyster harvester log book, 1 shot gun, 38 lead shot, 2 rods and reels.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
30	Boating
7	Commercial Fishing
3	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
9	Miscellaneous
106	Recreational Fishing
5	State Hunting/Trapping
6	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
17	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE
3 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	52
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Boating
11	Violation Of Sanitary Code Chapter 9, No Harvester Log Sheet and Improper Or No Vessel Tarp
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Vessel License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
24	Fail To Display Proper Numbers On Oyster Vessel
12	Take Undersized Oysters From Natural Reef
1	Unlawfully Take Oysters From Private Lease

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
285 sacks of oysters.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
51	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT
8 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	23
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Buy/Sell Fish W/O A Wholesale/Retail Seafood Dealer's License
15	Fail To Maintain Records
4	Fail To Comply With Gamefish Shipping Regs.
3	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
1	Theft Of State Property

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
9,880 lbs. of red drum filets.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
23	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory

0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.
8 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	40
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	No Vessel License
3	No Gear License
21	Fail To Display Proper Numbers On Commercial Vessel
4	Violation Of Sanitation Code-Chapter 9
1	Take Undersized Oysters From Natural Reef
4	Use Four Trawls That Exceeds Size Requirement

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
80 sacks of oysters returned-to-water, 383 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$711.50.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating

40	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

**NOTE: 185 BOATS CHECKED
80 RUNNING HOURS**

REFUGE PATROL
8 Agent positions

MARSH ISLAND,
ROCKEFELLER, STATE
WILDLIFE

TOTAL CASES	28
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Boating
2	Angling W/O A License
3	Fail To Tag Alligator Upon Take Or Possess Improperly Tagged
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. (Take Overlimit Of Alligator)
9	Not Abiding By Rules and Regs. On WMA
4	Take Or Possess Undersize Black Drum
2	Take Or Possess Undersize White Shrimp
1	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 1	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
104 lbs. of shrimp sold for \$90.00, 1 rod and reel, 10 black drum, 13 alligator hides, 1 Ruger .22 pistol.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR FUR AND REFUGE PATROL

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
9	Miscellaneous
6	Recreational Fishing
5	State Hunting/Trapping
1	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

TOTAL CASES -1438

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS =66

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
SEPTEMBER, 2002

185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 30.8

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - 35.4

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 22.5

Enforcement Hours - 66.7

Other Divisions - 22.0

Total Plane Use - 88.7

State of Louisiana



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
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Governor

PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTION QUARTERLY REPORT JULY - SEPTEMBER 2002 LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION MEETING

The Public Information Section manages internal and external communications for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. These responsibilities are accomplished through four units: the *Louisiana Conservationist* magazine, Media Relations & News, Informational and Resource Library and Audio-Visual. Special promotions and events are also coordinated through the Public Information Section.

LOUISIANA CONSERVATIONIST MAGAZINE

Two issues were produced (one copy each include with report):

- July-August 2002: circulation 24,905
- September-October 2002: circulation 24,809

MEDIA RELATIONS & NEWS

Media Relations: 2 television interviews

- WBRZ Channel 2 (Baton Rouge area): Fred Kimmel, LDWF Wildlife biologist on Chronic Waste Disease and the upcoming deer season and the West Nile Virus impact on dove hunting.
- WVLA Channel 33 (Baton Rouge area): Secretary Jimmy Jenkins Jr. on LDWF outreach programs and the Sportsman's Outdoor Hunting & Fishing Exposition.

News

- 52 news releases generated and distributed through electronic means
- 1 joint news release on Chronic Wasting Disease (developed through LDWF Wildlife Division and Department of Agriculture & Forestry)
- 2002-2003 *Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations* pamphlet - 300,000 printed
- 2002-2003 *Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations* - 217,000 printed

INFORMATIONAL AND RESOURCE LIBRARY

The number of public contacts during this quarter are outlined by the month. Summer months are traditionally slow with increasing numbers as the school year get more organized.

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>
E-mail	30	56	118
USPS mail	23	11	24
Phone	59	104	39
Walk-ins	225	410	346

Receptionist Desk

The receptionist desk on the first floor of the headquarters building offers the initial greeting to the public from our agency. It is maintained and managed through the operations of the Information and Resource Library.

	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>
Phone	2088	2549	2009
Walk-ins	483	721	580

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Sportsman's Paradise Hunting & Fishing Expo - August 24-25
Department wide participation with all divisions exhibiting. Total attendee count for the expo was 27,000.
(Three minute video to follow)
- National Hunting & Fishing Day (Baton Rouge)
Only the Baton Rouge event is coordinated by the Public Information Section. Despite Tropical Storm Isidore and a daytime LSU home game, public attendance was 1,782. (Copies of the newspaper ad, *The Advocate* "Outdoors" article and the event brochure are included.)

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary



CONTACT
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2002-215

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L.D.W.F. PARTICIPATES IN EXPO

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries provided an extensive exhibit at the U.S. Agencies Sportsman's Paradise Hunting and Fishing Expo, held August 24 and 25. The show featured exhibitors from across the country, and highlighted hunting and fishing products, as well as many educational opportunities.

The LDWF booth featured over 2000 square feet of exhibits from different divisions within the agency. Visitors were able to see live freshwater and saltwater fish and learn about invasive aquatic plants. They were also able to see presentations regarding deer hunting and management, waterfowl identification and Louisiana's wild turkey population. One of the popular sites at the booth was presented by the Black Bear Conservation Committee. Two dogs used to help in black bear management were on hand and responded playfully to the youngsters who visited.

Along with the educational experience, visitors were treated to a culinary experience. The Fur and Refuge Division provided samples of nutria jerky for people to try. Many visitors proudly wore stickers boasting, "I tasted it, I liked it, Nutria." Representatives from *Louisiana Conservationist*, LDWF's bi-monthly magazine, provided samples of dishes that were prepared from the popular "Official Louisiana Seafood and Wildgame Cookbook." Attendees were treated to spiced pecans and shrimp etoufee.

The LDWF exhibit also provided an added convenience to visitors. Hunting and fishing licenses were available for purchase or renewal, cookbooks and other reference books provided by the LDWF library were on sale, and subscriptions to *Louisiana Conservationist* were also available for purchase.

An estimated 28,000 people passed through the gates at the expo, and many made their way to the LDWF exhibit. Once there, they were able to learn more about what the agency does and the services that they provide to the hunters, anglers, and outdoorsmen of this state.

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Storm doesn't dampen spirit of weekend

By JOE MACALUSO

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Advocate outdoors writer

Only one event, tonight's Statewide Bar-B-Que and S.T.A.R. Celebration has been changed in light of Tropical Storm Isidore's invasion of the Louisiana coast.

The fete has been postponed until Oct. 10.

Otherwise, organizers of Louisiana Hunting and Fishing weekend activities are going ahead with weekend plans.

Included are Saturday's LHF Day celebration at the Waddill Wildlife Education Center, Saturday's annual Acadiana Sportsmen's League free Hunter Safety Clinic/Skeet and BB-gun shoot and archery seminar, a guided hike at the Bluebonnet Swamp Nature Center -- which is part of the Nature Center's weekend-long Animal Encounters -- and Sunday's annual Hunter for the Hungry-sponsored Clean Out Your Freezer Day.

"The way it looks, the rain will end in time for us to get set up for Saturday's event," Department of Wildlife and Fisheries spokeswoman Marianne Marsh said Wednesday. "We know it will be muddy, but this is too important an event to postpone."

The Education Center is on North Flannery Road between Choctaw Drive and Greenwell Spring Road. Marsh said the 18th-annual event will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Similar celebrations of the heritage of hunting and fishing in Louisiana are set for Minden, Monroe, Woodworth and Natchitoches. There is no charge for the events.

New this year is the skeet-shooting range. Children will also be able to test their shooting skills with BB-guns and bows and arrows, after they participate in the Kids Fishing Contest.

Around noon, local chefs will have wild game dishes -- nutria, alligator and venison -- for tasting. Hot dogs and soft drinks will also be available.

In Crowley, the ASL's 17th-annual Hunter Awareness Day, starts at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Police Firing Range.

HAD's slate of hunting-related activities, includes hunter safety, age-group B-B Gun and skeet shooting and an archery seminar.

A waterfowl calling and hunting seminar and a first-aid demonstration fill out the rest of the schedule. Somewhere in the middle of all this, the ASL will serve a free lunch.

The range is located west of Crowley's city limits near the intersection of West Hutchinson Avenue and Capitol Road. For details, call ASL members at 337-783-7062 or 337-788-0003.

The Clean Out Your Freezer Day has location in eight parishes. Among the locations are fire stations in Baton Rouge, Baker, Central, Alsen, Zachary, Port Allen and Brusly along with the St. George and East Side firehouses and stations in Livingston, Walker and Port Vincent. Other locations are LSU's Alex Box Stadium parking lot, Williams Store in Ethel, Basin River Electric in Plaquemine, Cora Texas in White Castle, Denham Springs Freshman High School, Soprano's in Lottie & Livonia and Feliciana Seafood in St. Francisville. Collections will run from 1-4 p.m.

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a bone in his leg during pre-ump.
 st have to line down with ve got," offensive line coach ith said.
 iore Lunda Wells, a non-last season, will start for right guard, with Jacoby him. Thomas Saulsby will r at left guard. Sophomore

"It hurts the continuity, but some guys are getting some good work that you can only build upon. The future is now for some of those guys."
 Southern suffered 13 sacks through the first two games after only 22 all last season. The Jaguars allowed no sacks in a 14-13 win Saturday at Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

less.
 Delahoussaye's high school deep snaps were so impressive that UL-Lafayette offered him a scholarship, he said.
 "It's rare for that to happen. Usually the deep snapper is a guy who's a walk-on and then works his way into becoming a deep snapper," Delahoussaye said.

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We're not going to p the big play. We some of the finest rbacks in the con-e."

- Pete Richardson, Southern coach

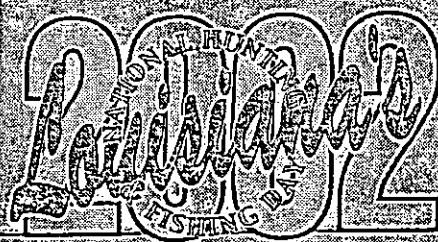
be able to slow them down offensively, we can't give up plays. Our thing is, often we get chances to score, we ash in."
 iaguars offense is averaging its per game, while JSU is g 24.7 ppg.
 dson said his team will con-give receivers cushions on ers.

not going to give up the big ichardson said. "We have the finest cornerbacks in the ice.

I first started, we played a an-to-man and that cost us vns a lot of times, because e it up to the discretion of ials when the pushing and starts.
 anged our philosophy to not p the big play. We'll take our on man-to-man sometimes, an't give up big plays and let als off the hook by throwing up in the air trying to draw rference."

o, that's been the sore spot of r's secondary.
 e holding opponents to only ssing yards per game, the have allowed at least one an pass of 44 yards or better rfirst three games (44, 50 and

er concern for Southern: pre-ll-SWAC first-team corner-rence Arnold (back) missed /s game at Arkansas-Pine id is questionable for the State game.



18th Annual PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES
 (instructors present)
 Canoeing
 Fishing Clinic
 Shooting (Ba, muzzleloader, shotgun skeet)
 Archery Target Shooting
 Duck and Goose Calling
 Duck Calling Contest
 Boating Education

Come celebrate the great outdoors with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries!

Baton Rouge location:
 Saturday, September 28, 2002
 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at
 Waddill Outdoor Education Center

STATEWIDE LOCATIONS
 Baton Rouge 225/765-2925
 Minden 318/371-3050
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 Woodworth 318/487-5885
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FREE SAMPLES OF LOUISIANA GAME AND SEAFOOD DISHES



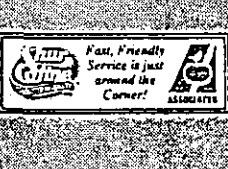
Outdoor Event DEMONSTRATIONS (by experts)
 Bowhunting
 Fly Casting
 Fly Tying
 Falconry

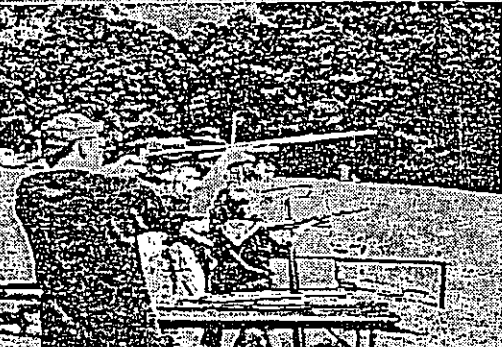
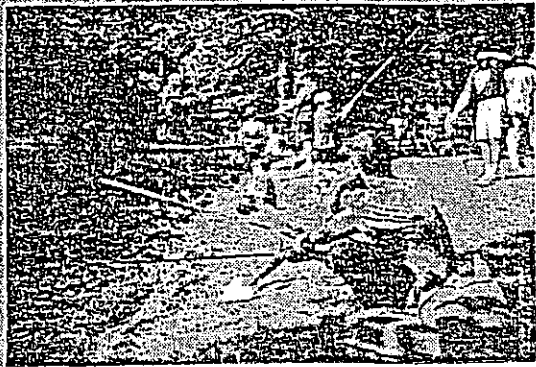
FREE ADMISSION

TYPICAL EXHIBITS INCLUDE

- Commercial Fishing Industry
- Ducks Unlimited
- Louisiana Wildlife Federation
- Operation Game Thief
- Louisiana Artificial Reef Program
- Louisiana Natural Freshwater Catfish Association
- Audubon Society
- Bayou State Bowhunters Association
- Coastal Conservation Association

About Louisiana's National Hunting & Fishing Day

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is proud to host Baton Rouge's 18th annual National Hunting and Fishing Day. This is a special day, created to show appreciation for our state's abundant fish and wildlife resources and to recognize sportsmen and commercial industries for their role in conservation.

By proclaiming today Louisiana National Hunting and Fishing Day, local communities, private businesses and state agencies have joined the Department in recognizing Louisiana as one of the nation's largest producers of fisheries products, valued at more than \$336 million. In addition hunters and anglers have contributed more than \$12 billion to conservation programs in the past half-century through license fees and self-imposed excise taxes.

Louisiana's National Hunting and Fishing Day is celebrated each year on the fourth Saturday of September. The event provides hands-on activities for all age groups, hunting and fish demonstrations, wildlife exhibits, Louisiana style food tasting and other hunting and fishing related activities.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Acadian Ambulance
- American Awning
- Associated Food Stores and Shurfine
- Blockbuster Video
- Bowtie Outfitters
- Boy Scouts of America Troop 283
- Coca Cola Baton Rouge Bottling Co.
- Collins-Oliver, Inc.
- Cookie Bouquet on Essen Lane
- Creative Design
- Drusilla Seafood
- Flower's Bakery Co.
- Fluker's
- Heads and Tails Seafood
- LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry
- LA Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board
- LDWF employees
- Louisiana Alligator Wholesalers
- Louisiana Pizza Kitchen
- Louisiana Wildlife Agents Association
- Mall of Louisiana
- Manda Fine Meats
- Matherne's Supermarket
- Pennington Biomedical Research Center
- Pete Giovenco Seasoning Sausage
- Progressive Watercraft Insurance
- Reddy Ice
- Richard Savoy
- Rockefeller Refuge
- Sam's Club
- South Central Bell
- Spillway Sportsman, Inc.
- Spiral Metal
- Taylor Made Gourmet Foods
- Ted Poydras
- The Advocate
- Tony's Seafood
- Victory Bible Fellowship
- Wal Mart

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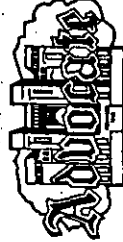
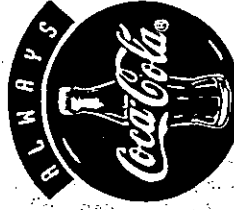
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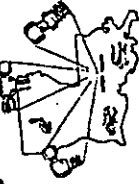
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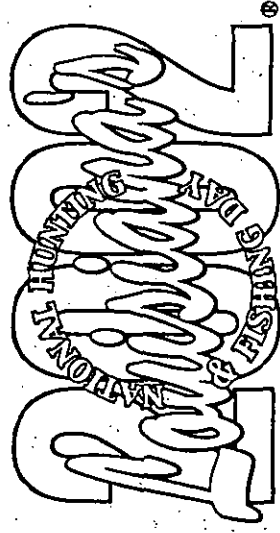
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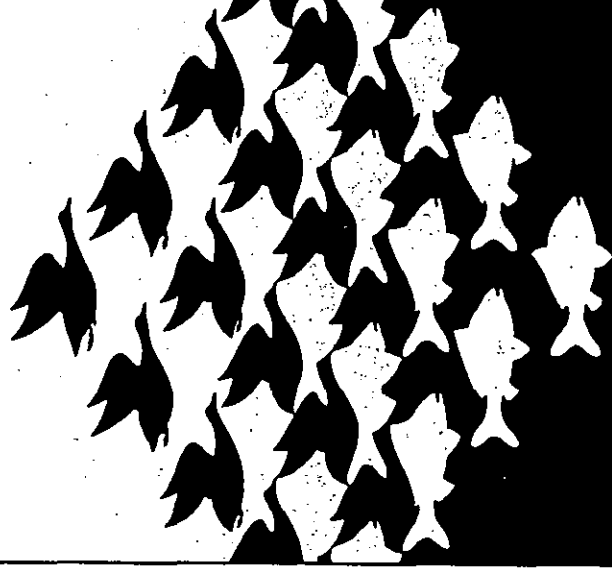
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18th Annual Celebration



A Natural Invitation
To Step Outside

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SEPT. 28, 2002

HUNTING & FISHING DAY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ALL-DAY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Archery	Site 4
Canoeing	Pond 1
Boating Safety	Pond 1
BB-Guns	Site 11
Skeet shooting	Site 9
Muzzleloader shooting	Site 10
Fly fishing demonstration	Tent

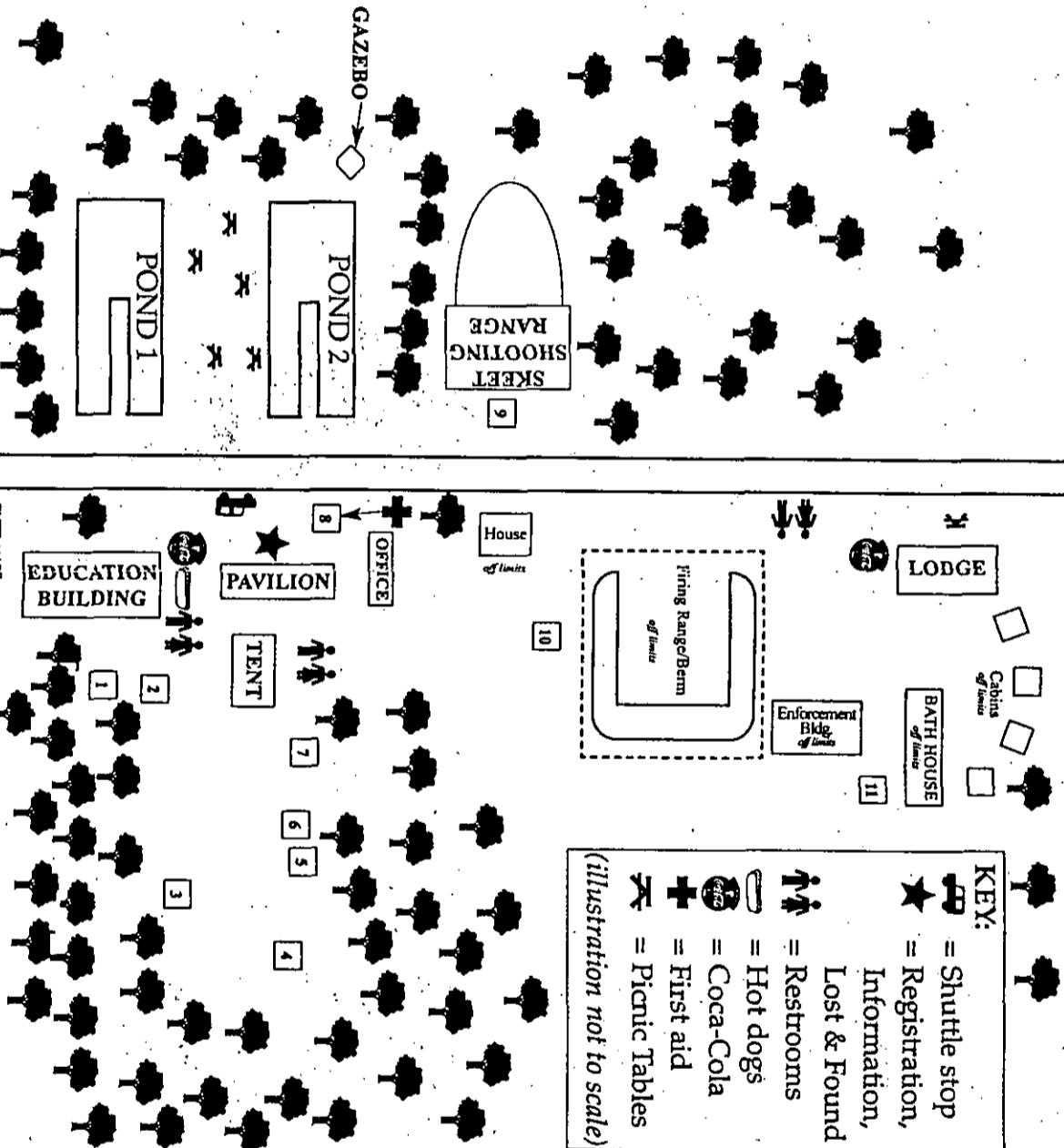
9 a.m.	Fishing Contest (continues until 11)	Pond 2
10 a.m.	Falconry Demonstration (Demonstrations every hour)	Site 3
11 a.m.	Wild Game tasting - Chef Celeste Gill - Chef Yvette Bonanno	Lodge
11 a.m.	Fishing Contest prizes awarded	Pond 2
12:30 p.m.	Jig fishing demonstration (continues until 3 p.m.)	Pond 2
3 p.m.	Close — see you next year!!!	

LOCATIONS

LODGE
Tasting Booth (Alligator, Nutria, Venison)

PAVILION

Aquatic Plant Control (LDWF)
The Arc of Baton Rouge Recreational Task Force
Clean Vessel Program (LDWF)
Customer Service (LDWF)
Ducks Unlimited
Forest Stewardship Program (LDWF)
Fur & Refuge Division (LDWF)
Louisiana Conservationist magazine (LDWF)
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Louisiana Department of Insurance
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
Safety Council, Louisiana Capital Area



FLANNERY ROAD

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED

GAZEBO

Retriever Demonstration

POND 1

Boating Safety Education (LDWF)
Canoeing

POND 2

Kids Fishing Contest (LDWF) 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Jig Fishing Demonstration
(Salter's Sporting Goods)

TENT

Capital Area Animal Welfare Society (CAAWS)
Coastal Conservation Association
Deer Management (LDWF)
Delta Waterfowl
East Ascension Sportsman's League
Louisiana Wildlife Federation
National Wild Turkey Federation
Natural Heritage (LDWF)
NWTF Women in the Outdoors
Quality Deer Management Association
Red Stick Fly Fishers
Wildlife Tattoos (Runnels School)

SITES

- 1 Nature Trail and Display (LDWF)
- 2 Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement
- 3 Falconry
- 4 Archery (Bayou State Bowhunters Association)
- 5 Snakes of Louisiana
- 6 BREC Bluebonnet Swamp
- 7 Marine Fisheries (LDWF)
- 8 Acadian Ambulance
- 9 Skeet Shooting (LDWF)
- 10 Muzzleloading (B.R. Rifle & Pistol Club)
- 11 BB-Guns (Boy Scouts of America)

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish a coastwide nutria control program.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§123. Coastwide Nutria Control Program

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby establish regulations governing participation in the coastwide nutria control program. The administrative responsibility for this program shall rest with the Department Secretary; the Assistant Secretary, Office of Wildlife; and the Fur and Refuge Division.

1. The coastwide nutria control program objective is to provide economic incentive, by payment of \$4 per nutria tail to participants, to encourage the harvest of up to 400,000 nutria annually from coastal Louisiana. For the purpose of this program, coastal Louisiana is bounded on the north by Interstate 10 from the Louisiana-Texas line to Baton Rouge, Interstate 12 from Baton Rouge to Slidell, and Interstate 10 to the Louisiana-Mississippi line.

2. Participant Application Process

a. Participants must acquire a valid Louisiana

trapping license.

b. Participants must submit a completed nutria control program participant application to the department or its contractor.

c. To be considered complete, the application must contain the following information: name, address, telephone number, social security number, and trapping license number of applicant; tax receipt and a description of property to be trapped/hunted (acres, parish, township, range, section); name, address, and telephone number of landowner (private or public); signature of participant; and signature of landowner or designated representative indicating permission to hunt or trap nutria on the described property.

d. For applications determined to be complete and valid, the participant will be notified by mail that his/her registration is finalized and a nutria control program registration number will be issued.

e. The participant must indicate if an assistant will be delivering tails on his behalf to a collection center and the participant must provide the name of the assistant(s) on the application.

f. Applications submitted to the department or its contractor by October 1 shall be processed by the opening of trapping season. Applications submitted to the department or its

contractor after October 1 shall be processed in the order received.

g. Applications listing only waterbodies, without signature of an adjacent landowner or designated representative, shall be considered incomplete.

h. Applications determined to be incomplete or invalid will be returned to the applicant with an explanation as to why registration could not be finalized.

3. Harvest of Nutria

a. Participants must possess a valid trapping license and a nutria control program registration number.

b. Only nutria harvested during the open trapping season, from coastal Louisiana and taken from property permitted can be included in this program.

c. Nutria may be taken by any legal method except that if taken with a shotgun, steel shot must be used.

d. Participants are required to remove carcasses from the trapping/hunting area or if carcasses are not sold whole, they must be placed in such a manner as to prohibit feeding on the carcasses by birds, including southern bald eagles. Carcasses may be buried, placed in heavy overhead vegetation or concealed by any other means necessary to prevent consumption by birds.

4. Collection of Nutria Tails for Payment

a. Collection stations will be established across

coastal Louisiana by the department or its contractor.

b. Evidence of nutria harvested shall be in the form of delivering severed nutria tails to a collection station during a designated period. Collections will begin on or about November 20th. Specific dates and times of collections will be established and advertised for each station.

c. Participant or a designated assistant must present the nutria control registration number and proper identification to the department contractor.

d. Participant or designated assistant shall present to the department contractor only fresh or well-preserved (iced, frozen, salted) nutria tails in a manner that allows counting of individual tails (e.g., tails cannot be frozen together in a block). Only whole tails, greater than 7 inches in length will be accepted.

e. Participant shall declare parish, section, township, and range in coastal Louisiana where animals were taken and indicate method of take and carcass use. Tails from animals taken from outside of the participants permitted property shall not qualify for payment in this program.

f. Participant shall sign the receipt/voucher provided by the department contractor to acknowledge number of tails presented and accuracy of information provided.

5. Violation of any part of these regulations is a

class 2 violation and conviction may result in disqualification from the program.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 28: (October 2002).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

October 8, 2002

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, LA, October 8, 2002.

WHEREAS, chronic wasting disease is a neurodegenerative disease found in captive deer and elk in eight states, as well as, in free ranging deer in 5 states, and

WHEREAS, chronic wasting disease is a poorly understood disease that is related to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease) of cattle, Creutzfeld-Jakob disease of humans, scrapie of sheep, and is always fatal, and

WHEREAS, there is no live animal test for chronic wasting disease, and

WHEREAS, evidence has shown that interstate movement of deer and elk can quickly spread chronic wasting disease, and

WHEREAS, evidence from other states strongly suggests that chronic wasting disease has spread from captive deer and elk herds to free ranging deer, and

WHEREAS, the infectious agent that causes chronic wasting disease is resistant to traditional disinfection techniques and apparently survives in the environment for an extended period of time, and

WHEREAS, although the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has licensed approximately 250 captive deer or elk enclosures of various types, the deer and elk industry in Louisiana is small and not dependent on imported animals, and

WHEREAS, in contrast, the economic impact of deer hunting is in excess of \$600,000,000 per year in Louisiana, providing over 8,500 jobs, and

WHEREAS, the cost to the state and private sector would be substantial if a chronic wasting disease outbreak occurs in Louisiana's wild deer, and

WHEREAS, the primary means of containing a chronic wasting disease outbreak is killing as many deer as possible in an area surrounding the outbreak, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has enacted a declaration of emergency to address chronic wasting disease and other states, including Texas, have placed a moratorium on deer importation, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to protect Louisiana's wild deer resources, the attached Rule prohibiting importation of deer and elk is ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the rules governing white-tailed deer importation.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§117. Deer and Elk Importation

A. Definitions

Elk or red deer - any animal of the species *Cervus elaphus*.

Mule deer or black-tailed deer - any animal of the species *Odocoileus hemionus*.

White-tailed deer - any animal of the species *Odocoileus virginianus*.

B. No person shall import, transport or cause to be imported or transported live white-tailed deer, mule deer, or black-tailed deer (hereinafter "deer"), into or through the State of Louisiana. No person shall import, transport or cause to be imported or transported, live elk or red deer (hereinafter "elk") into or through Louisiana in violation of any Imposition of Quarantine by the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board. Any person transporting

deer or elk between licensed facilities within the state must notify the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and provide information as required by the Department prior to departure from the source facility and again upon arrival at the destination facility. A transport identification number will be issued upon providing the required information prior to departure. Transport of deer or elk between licensed facilities without a valid transport identification number is prohibited. Notification must be made to the Enforcement Division at 1-800-442-2511. All deer or elk imported or transported into or through this state in violation of the provisions of this ban shall be seized and disposed of in accordance with LWFC and Department of Wildlife and Fisheries rules and regulations.

C. No person shall receive or possess deer or elk imported or transported in violation of this rule. Any person accepting delivery or taking possession of deer or elk from another person has a duty to review and maintain bills of sale, bills of lading, invoices, and all other documents which indicate the source of the deer or elk.

D. This rule shall be in effect until May 30, 2005.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 24:1140 (June 1998), repromulgated LR 24:1325 (July 1998), amended LR 28: (October 2002).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

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WHEREAS, the primary means of containing a chronic wasting disease outbreak is killing as many deer as possible in an area surrounding the outbreak, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has enacted a declaration of emergency to address chronic wasting disease and other states, including Texas, have placed a moratorium on deer importation, and

WHEREAS, confiscated live deer and elk typically are not accompanied by accurate records of their place of origin, route of translocation, or history of contacts with other animals or holding facilities, and

WHEREAS, contact with chronic wasting disease infected deer or facilities could result in undetected chronic wasting disease infections in the confiscated deer, and

WHEREAS, integration of chronic wasting disease infected confiscated deer into existing captive or wild deer herds could result in chronic wasting disease outbreaks in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, release of non-native deer into the wild can have adverse impacts on native deer by reducing disease/parasite resistance or altering breeding chronology, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in order to protect Louisiana's wild deer resources, the attached Rule establishing regulations for disposal of confiscated deer and elk is ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules governing disposal of confiscated deer and elk.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part V. Wild Quadrupeds and Wild Birds

Chapter 1. Wild Quadrupeds

§121. Disposal of Illegal Live Deer and Elk

A. Definitions

Elk or red deer - any animal of the species Cervus elaphus.

Mule deer or black-tailed deer - any animal of the species Odocoileus hemionus.

White-tailed deer - any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus.

B. White-tailed deer, mule deer, black-tailed deer, elk, or red deer imported into Louisiana in violation of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) rules or state statutes shall be euthanized by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), or its designee, in a manner conforming to the 2000 Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia. At the discretion of the LDWF, white-tailed deer originating from within Louisiana and possessed

in violation of LWFC rules or state statutes, may be euthanized in a manner conforming to the 2000 Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia, or placed with a licensed game breeder in accordance with LDWF guidelines. Certainty of origin, confinement history, and age will be among the factors considered by LDWF in making a determination regarding disposition of white-tailed deer originating from within Louisiana. White-tailed deer placed with licensed game breeders shall remain in confinement for their entire lives and shall not be released into the wild.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with the Louisiana Constitution, Article IX, Section 7, R.S. 56:1, R.S. 56:5, R.S. 56:6(10), (13) and (15), R.S. 56:20, R.S. 56:112, R.S. 56:116.1 and R.S. 56:171 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 28: (October 2002).

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

RESOLUTION

Extension of the 2002 Season on the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation

October 8, 2002

- WHEREAS, emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 49:967(D), allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures when it finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:433 provides that the Public Oyster Seed Grounds may be fished starting on the first Wednesday following Labor Day which in 2002 was September 4, and
- WHEREAS, on August 1, 2002 the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved a one-month season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation beginning at official sunrise September 4, 2002 and ending at official sunset October 4, 2002, and
- WHEREAS, high winds and rough seas associated with Tropical Storm Isidore prevented fishing vessels from harvesting oysters within the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation in the days immediately prior to the storm's landfall on September 26, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals has issued an emergency closure of shellfish harvest areas 1 through 24, including Bay Junop, effective at official sunset September 27, 2002, and
- WHEREAS, immediately preceding Hurricane Lili, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals issued an emergency closure of all remaining shellfish growing areas within the state effective at official sunset October 2, 2002, and
- WHEREAS, the reopening of shellfish growing areas within Bay Junop by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals did not occur before this oyster season closed, and
- WHEREAS, there remains a significant yet limited resource available for harvest in Bay Junop and,

WHEREAS, such oyster harvests may be sustained for a period of up to 10 days at fishing effort levels anticipated to remain comparable to those documented preceding the Department of Health and Hospitals emergency closure, and

WHEREAS, this potential for an extension shall enhance public benefit by providing oyster harvesters with increased economic opportunities following impacts sustained by Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to take emergency action to extend the oyster season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation for a period of up to 10 consecutive days following the reopening of shellfish harvest areas by the Department of Health and Hospitals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take emergency action if necessary, to close this area if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay this season extension or close this area if significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads, or if enforcement problems develop, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency authorizing the Secretary to extend the oyster season in Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Authorization to the Secretary to Extend the 2002 Season
on the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation

In accordance with emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B) and 49:967(D), which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures when it finds that an imminent peril to the public welfare exists, and in accordance with R.S. 56:433B(1), which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to extend the taking of oysters on natural reefs by setting the last day of the season to be no later than May fifteenth, notice is hereby given that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend the oyster season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation for a period of up to ten consecutive days following the reopening of shellfish harvest areas in Area 21 by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

On August 1, 2002, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission approved a one-month season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation beginning at sunrise September 4, 2002 and ending at sunset October 4, 2002. Due to high winds and rough seas associated with Tropical Storm Isidore fishing vessels were prevented from harvesting oysters within Bay Junop in the days immediately prior to the storm's landfall on September 26.

Additionally, the Department of Health and Hospitals issued an emergency closure of shellfish harvest areas 1 through 24, including Bay Junop, effective at official sunset September 27, 2002 and the reopening of shellfish harvest areas within Bay Junop by the Department of Health and Hospitals did not occur before this oyster season closed. Furthermore, the effects of Hurricane Lili have resulted in the additional closure of all remaining oyster harvest areas in the state by the Department of Health and Hospitals effective at sunset October 2, 2002. There may remain a significant yet limited oyster resource available for harvest in Bay Junop and such oyster harvests may be sustained for a period of up to 10 consecutive days at fishing effort levels anticipated to remain comparable to those documented preceding the current Department of Health and Hospitals emergency closure. This extension shall enhance public welfare by providing oyster harvesters with increased economic opportunities following impacts sustained by Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is also authorized to take emergency action as necessary to close the season in the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation if oyster mortalities are occurring or to delay the season extension if significant spat catch has occurred with good probability of survival or if enforcement problems develop, or where it is found that there are excessive amounts of shell in seed oyster loads.

The Secretary is authorized to take emergency action to reopen Bay Junop if previously closed and the threat to the resource has ended.

Notice of this extension, delaying or closing of the season will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Thomas M. Gattle, Jr.

Chairman

Information for Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission
October 8, 2002

The Mullet Task Force met on September 18, 2002 and adopted a recommendation to request that the commercial mullet strike net season be modified.

Listed below are the current mullet season and the Task Force's recommendations. Attached is the opinion from Legal that the Commission does not have the authority to make the changes requested.

Current Regulations for Commercial Mullet Season and Times

- The season for the commercial taking of mullet shall begin at sunrise of the third Monday in October of each year and close at sunset of the third Monday in January of the following year.
- Mullet may not be taken commercially at any time outside of this season.
- Commercial harvest of mullet shall not be allowed during the period from 5 a.m. on Saturday through 6 p.m. on Sunday.
- There shall be no commercial taking of mullet during the period after sunset and before sunrise.

Mullet Task Force Recommendation for Season and Time

- The season for the commercial taking of mullet shall begin at sunrise on the 3rd Monday in October and close at sunset, December 22, 2002.
- There shall be no commercial fishing for mullet during the hours after sunset and before sunrise except for commercial fishing will be allowed from 5 am Monday through 6 pm Friday for November.
- The possession of commercially harvested mullet on the water is prohibited from 10 pm Friday thru 5 am Monday during the entire season.

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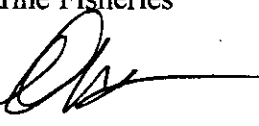
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M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.
Governor

October 1, 2002

TO: Karen Foote
Acting Administrator, Marine Fisheries

FROM: T. Michael Landrum
Deputy General Counsel 

RE: Commission Authority to Change Season Dates, Times With Respect
to the Mullet Fishery

You have requested our opinion as to the authority of the Commission to alter statutorily-set season dates and times with respect to the mullet fishery.

La. R.S. 56:6(25)(a) is a general grant of authority to the Commission to, by rule, set, or change statutorily established seasons, times, places, size limits, quotas, daily take, and possession limits, based upon biological and technical data for all wildlife and fish.

Given this provision, it is our opinion that without express statutory language to the contrary, the Commission, based upon biological and technical data, has authority to set or change those parameters listed at La. R.S. 56:6(25)(a) even though they may have previously been set by statute.

The season for taking mullet is established at La. R.S. 56:333B.(1), which provides as follows:

"B(1) The season for taking mullet shall begin on the third Monday in October of each year and remain open until the third Monday in January. There shall be no commercial taking of mullet during the period from 5:00 a.m. on Saturday through 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Mullet may not be taken commercially at any time outside of this season. There shall be no fishing pursuant to the provisions of this Section during the hours after sunset and before sunrise. The provisions of this Section are subject to quotas and size limits as established by law and rules and regulations of the commission."

With respect to the mullet fishery, there is express statutory language by which the legislature, has limited the Commission's authority, pursuant to La. R.S. 56:6(25)(a), to change the statutorily established season and times. La. R.S. 56:333A provides in part "...Such regulations [of the commission], *except as provided in Subsection B of this Section*, shall provide for zones, permits, fees, and other provisions necessary to implement this Section".

This latter provision limits the Commission's authority, by rule, to vary the mullet season and times statutorily set forth at La. R.S. 56:333B.(1).

Finally, while as pointed out above, La. R.S. 56:333A makes exception to the general rule found at La. R.S. 56:6(25)(a), an exception to La. R.S. 56:333A is found at La. R.S. 56:333.2B. That provision provides:

"B. The task force shall advise the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission as to the most appropriate date to open mullet season. The task force shall meet at least once each quarter of the year with one meeting to be held between July fifteenth and August fifteenth each year in order *to develop a task force recommendation for the opening date for that calendar year. Recommendations for the date to open the mullet season shall be presented to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at the September commission meeting each year.*"
(emphasis added)

Clearly, this legislation contemplates that, despite the language of Section 333, the Commission has the authority to alter the statutorily-set opening date.

In summary, it is our opinion that given the provisions referenced above, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission lacks authority to make changes to the season parameters for the mullet fishery set forth at La. R.S. 56:333B(1), except with respect to the opening date of the mullet season, pursuant to the timely recommendation of the mullet task force as provided in La. R.S. 56:333.2B.

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disperse the roost. The plan was accepted by Elgin AFB personnel and implemented. Following a week of pretreatment observations, a taxidermic vulture effigy was suspended from a prominent tree within the 125-ha roost area. To supplement the effigy, a hand-held laser was used briefly to disperse birds in the mornings and evenings. After five days, only five birds were observed in the roost. Two weeks later, no birds were using the roost. Dispersal of the roost substantially reduced the potential for a catastrophic bird-aircraft interaction.

Aircraft Deer Collisions Management Tests – From 1990-2001, over 500 civil aircraft collisions with deer were reported. Exclusion of deer from airports using 10-foot high chain-link fencing is the preferred long-term solution; but the high cost of this fencing makes this option impractical for most small airports. An inexpensive deer-exclusion system is needed and one potential system is an electric fence comprised of copper wires braided into nylon rope. Such braiding allows high conductivity of electricity, and fence posts can be widely-spaced. From January-March 2002, biologists at the NWRC Sandusky, OH, field station, in cooperation with ElectroBraid Fence Ltd. of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, field-tested the effectiveness of a five strand braided fence to exclude white-tailed deer. Deer intrusions and corn consumption were measured at 10 pairs of fenced sites (with and without electricity) where corn was provided in feed troughs. Less than one deer per day crossed into sites with electrified fences compared to 65 per day in sites without electrified fences. Corn consumption per day was less 0.1 kg in electrified sites compared to 11.6 kg in sites without electrified fences. The ElectroBraid fencing thus appeared to be an effective deer deterrent however, appropriate support structures need to be developed that meet Federal Aviation Administration standards.

Bird/Aircraft Strike Hazard Evaluation at U.S. Naval Air Stations, CA – Under Interagency Agreements with the U.S. Navy, NWRC biologists from Fort Collins, CO, are evaluating bird/aircraft strike hazard problems at Point Mugu and San Clemente Naval Air Stations, CA, and assessing habitat modification management techniques. At both naval air stations, researchers are using a geographic information system (GIS) to record habitat types adjacent to runways and the numbers, species, locations, altitudes and local movements of birds on and near airfields. NWRC researchers also evaluated the use of the Avian Dissuader (a low-power laser hazing device) for dispersing birds at Point Mugu Naval Air Station. For three days, lasers were used to haze waterfowl, turkey vultures, shorebirds, herons, and red-tailed hawks at night. After 2000 hrs, the laser was used successfully to haze all waterfowl species except for American coots. Additionally, while great blue herons appeared to be unaffected by the laser, white herons reacted quickly and moved to other locations. None of the species was affected by the daytime use of the laser.

Aircraft-mounted Light Experimental Technique – Biologists at the NWRC Sandusky, OH, field station have developed an experimental procedure to test the use of aircraft-mounted light as a potential technique to reduce bird strikes. Test groups of birds were exposed to the approach of a vehicle fitted with 2 aircraft landing lights spaced

PROVIDING WILDLIFE SERVICES

Wildlife Strikes to Civil Aircraft in the United States 1990-2000 – Biologists from the NWRC Sandusky, OH, field station, in cooperation with the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), have published an analysis of the 34,370 reported wildlife collisions with civil aircraft (wildlife strikes) in the United States for the 11-year period, 1990-2000. The 36-page report, published by the FAA's Office of Airport Safety and Standards, is available at <http://wildlife-mitigation.tc.faa.gov/>. This report summarizes the nature, characteristics and trends of strikes by phase of flight, altitude, aircraft type, wildlife species and other factors. Birds were responsible for 97.5 percent of the reported strikes and mammals/reptiles comprised the remaining 2.5 percent. Waterfowl (32 percent), gulls (30 percent), and raptors (16 percent) comprised 78 percent of the bird strikes causing damage to aircraft. Deer comprised 93 percent of the mammal strikes causing damage. The analysis indicated that wildlife strikes cost the U.S. civil aviation industry over \$400 million/year between 1990 and 2000. There were 20 aircraft destroyed, 93 human injuries and 6 deaths reported during this time. NWRC, through an Interagency Agreement with the FAA, has maintained the National Wildlife Strike Database for Civil Aviation since 1995.

Arizona Bird-Aircraft Strike Consultancy – An NWRC Sandusky, OH, field station biologist met with Arizona WS biologists on October 2001, to develop an integrated management and research program related to aircraft collisions with birds (bird strikes) at civil and military airfields in the state. Aggressive wildlife habitat conservation and restoration efforts in Arizona urban environments may increase bird populations near airports. Consequently, WS has partnered with local governments and the U.S. Department of Defense to monitor and mitigate the effects of these habitat-enhancement programs on human-wildlife conflicts. This cooperative effort will provide opportunities for NWRC scientists to pursue research on habitat management for reducing bird strikes in desert environments. Existing habitat management techniques were developed from studies conducted in eastern North America and Europe, where precipitation regimes, vegetation types, and wildlife communities differ greatly from those of southern Arizona and other desert communities.

Tree Swallow Removal at Airport – Large flocks of tree swallows can periodically cause runway closures and flight delays at many East Coast airports, especially during fall migration. Conventional dispersal tools, such as pyrotechnics, have been generally ineffective. In October 2001, 65 tree swallows were collected at John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFKIA) to determine food sources attracting the birds to the airport. All birds contained bayberry fruits, averaging 16.4 fruits per bird or 3.6 percent of the bird's total body mass. Therefore, the removal of bayberry bushes from airports was recommended as a way to reduce numbers of tree swallows and facilitate the dispersal of swallow flocks that use airport surfaces as resting sites during migration. The removal of bayberry bushes should also permit easier detection and dispersal of other potentially hazardous birds, such as Canada geese.

Portland (OR) International Airport Wildlife Hazard Management Plan – In December 2001, a scientist from the NWRC Sandusky, OH, field station served on an expert panel that reviewed the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan at Portland (OR) International Airport (PDX). Though PDX has an active management program which has included erecting a coyote-proof fence around the entire aircraft movement area of the airport, several serious bird strikes have occurred in recent years. In one instance, in January 2001, an MD-11 with more than 200 passengers aboard ingested a herring gull into an engine. The engine failed, spewing metal parts along the runway during a successfully executed aborted takeoff. One key bird attractant

identified during the review was the high rodent population in grassy areas on the airport. The panel made recommendations for reducing wildlife attractants including vegetation management, elimination of perching sites and better evaluation of rodenticide baiting programs.

National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count – Four NWRC Sandusky, OH, field station staff participated in the annual National Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count (CBC) in December 2001. Each CBC consists of a 1-day inventory of all birds, by species and numbers, observed within an area defined by a 15-mile diameter circle. More than 2,000 CBCs, some going back to the early 1900s, are conducted in North America during the 2-week Christmas season each winter. The data, compiled by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, provide information on population trends, migration patterns, and winter ranges of birds and are used by NWRC scientists to help explain and resolve various conflicts between migratory birds and humans. Additionally, the data provide one of the foundations for the Bird Avoidance Model used by the U.S. Air Force to predict concentrations of birds to be avoided by military pilots during low-level training missions.

Roof Rat Problems Near Phoenix, AZ – In January 2002, an NWRC Olympia, WA, field station scientist met with Arizona WS to address roof rat problems near Phoenix. The increased presence of roof rats in Arizona could impact the citrus industry and cause severe problems for human inhabitants. During this visit, the NWRC scientist presented information on roof rat biology, damage problems and possible control and monitoring measures to approximately 15 Arizona City and county officials. NWRC will continue working with WS state biologists to address concerns and answer questions raised by these officials.

Mexican Airport Consultancy – An NWRC Sandusky, OH, scientist visited Mexico in January 2002, to assist the Mexican government and National University of Mexico in evaluating bird hazards at the existing Mexico City International Airport (MCIA) and at a proposed site for a new International Airport. This and previous NWRC consultancies have been sponsored by the Mexico Ministry of Communication and Transport through an agreement with the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. Bird strikes are of particular concern in Mexico City because of its high elevation (about 7,400 ft). Bird species hazardous to aviation, such as waterfowl, raptors and vultures, are common in the Mexico City valley and the Mexican Government wants to ensure that its existing airport and the new airport are designed and managed to minimize attractiveness to birds. Biologists censused bird populations during fall and winter in wetland, agricultural and landfill areas throughout the Mexico City region. Based on these surveys, recommendations were made to not only minimize bird strike hazards at the proposed airport site but also to develop and enhance important wetlands away from the proposed sites. In addition, the biologists undertook a small mammal population study at MCIA to determine the food source for raptors and egrets that frequent the runway areas. The biologists found abundant populations of three rodent species in airport grasslands. Maintaining grass at less than 5 inches high should reduce these rodent populations. Such advanced planning and monitoring is essential for developing and implementing environmentally sound and efficient bird hazard reduction programs for airports.

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MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FICAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%
FICAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		
Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		

Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		
Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%
FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99								
July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%
FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000								
July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00		
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12		
Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61	76%	137%
FISCAL YEAR 2000-01								
July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01		
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92		
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41		
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16		
Nov., 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30		
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13		
Jan., 2001	28	\$15,923.38		25	\$7,611.66	\$833.60		
Feb., 2001	35	\$20,181.39		30	\$18,568.12	\$1,917.82		
Mar., 2001	8	\$5,956.83		37	\$15,724.02	\$753.86		
Apr., 2001	20	\$24,145.82		22	\$4,856.39	\$225.93		
May 2001	4	\$1,677.36		20	\$3,700.77	\$313.58		
June 2001	3	\$932.20		31	\$8,433.81	\$346.90		
Total FY 2001	203	\$257,864.31	\$0.00	294	\$91,549.74	\$8,222.62	39%	145%
FISCAL YEAR 2001-02								
July, 2001	4	\$4,290.29		25	\$6,328.36	\$293.54		
Aug., 2001	6	\$9,452.69		18	\$2,984.52			
Sept., 2001	0	\$175.00		25	\$4,157.32	\$66.29		
Oct., 2001	15	\$6,439.06		18	\$3,174.66	\$67.32		
Nov., 2001	15	\$5,913.63		24	\$3,932.41	\$194.66		
Dec., 2001	36	\$21,868.88		20	\$5,384.19	\$502.17		
Jan., 2002	56	\$27,650.44		38	\$11,100.99	\$1,008.09		
Feb., 2002	27	\$14,211.31	\$620.55	37	\$20,017.87	\$861.63		
Mar., 2002	8	\$6,765.68		36	\$10,061.89	\$419.16		
Apr., 2002	20	\$11,296.19		19	\$2,196.02	\$49.33		
May, 2002	3	\$30,852.57	\$11,887.80	27	\$8,265.67	\$538.72		
June, 2002	3	\$8,636.08		23	\$3,418.15	\$87.91		
Total FY 2002	193	\$147,551.82	\$12,508.35	310	\$81,022.05	\$4,088.82	58%	161%
FISCAL YEAR 2002-03								
July, 2002	8	\$6,915.26		20	\$3,308.14	\$111.90		
Aug., 2002	12	\$11,943.66		24	\$4,010.98	\$47.33		
Sept., 2002	6	\$1,944.83		19	\$4,624.36	\$85.25		
Oct., 2002								
Nov., 2002								
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CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
09/01/2002 TO 09/30/2002PAGE: 1
DATE: 10/01/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	6	\$1,819.83
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	5	\$125.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	6	\$1,944.83
PAYMENTS	8	\$1,679.06-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	3	\$75.00-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	5	\$2,195.30-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	3	\$675.00-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	4	\$100.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	3	\$85.25-
OVERPAYMENTS	1	\$0.01
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	1	\$4,465.00-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	2	\$1,327.04-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
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CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/2002 TO 09/30/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	26	\$20,678.75
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	5	\$125.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	26	\$20,803.75
PAYMENTS	22	\$5,306.91-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	9	\$1,084.54-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	13	\$3,349.09-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	8	\$2,202.94-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	12	\$300.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	8	\$244.48-
OVERPAYMENTS	2	\$0.32
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$6.38
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	1	\$388.40-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	1	\$4,465.00-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	2	\$1,327.04-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$118.26-

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
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 CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
 INCEPTION TO DATE
 09/30/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,416	\$3,122,917.29
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	345	\$9,100.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	138	\$58,209.82
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,416	\$2,920,361.66
PAYMENTS	2,994	\$631,839.17-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	33	\$5,838.05-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	70	\$22,915.04-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	37	\$25,517.18-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	181	\$4,700.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	2,090	\$256,638.35-
OVERPAYMENTS	117	\$92.26
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	59	\$11,678.96
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	17	\$44,255.65-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$6,780.54
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	8	\$45,896.70
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	63	\$36,913.30-
WRITE-OFFS	984	\$1,065,143.21-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	7	\$1,794.95-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	26	\$16,865.80-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	85	\$167,112.85-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	2	\$559.32-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	1	\$524.54-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	1	\$118.26-
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	292	\$711,062.13

 FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	38	\$106,941.70 *
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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00
31 - 60 DAYS	7	\$945.25
61 - 90 DAYS	5	\$1,856.40
91 - 120 DAYS	8	\$36,718.25
121 - 150 DAYS	14	\$13,963.14
151 - 180 DAYS	5	\$978.45
181 - 365 DAYS	20	\$14,180.18
OVER ONE YEAR	116	\$98,561.83
OVER TWO YEARS	147	\$114,686.26
OVER THREE YEARS	806	\$553,106.23

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** TOTAL AGING	1,128	\$834,995.99
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CAN NOT BE INVOICED	0	\$0.00
CURRENT	5	\$1,631.88
1 - 30 DAYS	10	\$11,289.93
31 - 90 DAYS	6	\$13,873.19
91 - 180 DAYS	9	\$37,356.26
181 - 365 DAYS	46	\$26,130.80
OVER ONE YEAR	119	\$130,347.49

COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	95	\$415,667.04

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1	\$549.54
OVER ONE YEAR	1	\$74,216.00

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** TOTAL AGING	292	\$711,062.13
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
09/01/2002-09/30/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	576	\$33,150.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	645	\$16,125.00
CREDITS	3	\$175.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$49,100.00

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PAID IN FULL	478	\$26,975.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	12	\$535.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUNDS	14	\$445.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	27	\$1,350.00-
NOT GUILTY	8	\$400.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	15	\$750.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	3	\$150.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	1	\$50.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE
07/01/2002-09/30/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	2,790	\$148,705.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	858	\$21,450.00
CREDITS	9	\$325.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	432	\$3,297.50
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$173,127.50

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PAID IN FULL	1,886	\$103,554.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	44	\$1,905.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	0	\$0.00
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	0	\$0.00
OVERPAYMENTS	3	\$4.50
REFUNDS	44	\$1,239.50
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$75.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	1	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	5	\$250.00
CREDITS	3	\$150.00-
VOIDS	110	\$5,550.00-
NOT GUILTY	13	\$650.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	16	\$800.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	11	\$550.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	1	\$50.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CLASS I ACTIVITY REPORT
INCEPTION TO DATE
09/30/2002

	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	101,124	\$5,148,362.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	25,569	\$639,387.80
CREDITS	10	\$9,691.00-
LATE CHARGES		
DEBITS	529	\$4,050.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$5,782,108.87

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PAID IN FULL	59,678	\$3,147,416.49-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,509	\$68,834.25-
ATTORNEY GENERAL COLLECTIONS	16	\$690.00-
ATTORNEY GENERAL FEES	33	\$345.00-
WRITE-OFFS	11,921	\$695,077.50-
OVERPAYMENTS	180	\$4,031.78
REFUNDS	306	\$13,957.31
RETURNED CHECKS	71	\$3,675.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	68	\$1,075.00
CREDITS	170	\$141.88-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	203	\$11,900.00
CREDITS	36	\$2,150.00-
VOIDS	5,284	\$265,650.00-
NOT GUILTY	1,186	\$60,250.00-
DISMISSED BY ADMIN LAW	195	\$9,850.00-
DISMISSED BY ENFORCEMENT	37	\$1,850.00-
GUILTY/FINE WAIVED	157	\$7,900.00-
OVERTURNED ON APPEAL	0	\$0.00
		=====
TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$1,556,592.84

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:

CURRENT	298	\$17,950.00
1 - 30 DAYS	461	\$25,150.00
31 - 90 DAYS	1,159	\$60,600.00
91 - 180 DAYS	1,200	\$75,875.00
181 - 365 DAYS	778	\$59,905.00
OVER ONE YEAR	18,655	\$1,302,472.84

COLLECTIONS WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL:

1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	195	\$14,640.00

AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:

1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	0	\$0.00

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** TOTAL AGING	22,746	\$1,556,592.84
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AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	2,267	\$121,400.00
0 - 90 DAYS	531	\$38,100.00
91 - 180 DAYS	592	\$37,610.00
181 - 270 DAYS	472	\$38,325.00
271 - 365 DAYS	811	\$63,287.50
OVER ONE YEAR	18,073	\$1,257,870.34

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** TOTAL AGING	22,746	\$1,556,592.84
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2002-244

10/02/02

L.W.F.C. COMMISSION MEETING POSTPONED

Due to the approaching hurricane, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has announced that its Thursday, October 3 meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, October 8. The meeting will still be held at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters building in Baton Rouge. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. The updated agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of September 5, 2002
3. Enforcement and Aviation Reports/September
4. Public Information Quarterly Report
5. Rule Ratification - Coastwide Nutria Control Program
6. Public Comments - 2003 Turkey Season
7. Rule Ratification - Deer and Elk Importation
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10. Mullet Task Force Recommendations Regarding Seasons and Times
11. Set February 2003 Meeting Date
12. Public Comments
13. Adjournment

EDITORS: For more information, contact Thomas Gresham at 225/765-2923 (gresham_tp@wlf.state.la.us).

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10/02/02

SPORTS AND COMMERCIAL FISHING COMMITTEE MEETING POSTPONED

Due to the threat posed by Hurricane Lili, the Sports and Commercial Fishing Committee of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has postponed their meeting until Tuesday, October 8. The meeting will be held in the fourth floor conference room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, located at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge. The meeting, scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., will be a follow-up to the September meeting when the Committee discussed the problem of derelict crab traps.

***EDITORS: For more information, contact Thomas Gresham at 225/765-2923
(gresham_tp@wlf.state.la.us).***

Hawkins, Susan

From: Greeson, Cathy
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2002 8:02 AM
To: all employees
Subject: Commission Meeting

Because of approaching Hurricane Lili, please be advised that Chairman Tom Gattle has postponed the October 3rd Commission Meeting until Tuesday, October 8th, 10:00 AM in the Louisiana Room of the Headquarters Building. The Sports and Commercial Fishing Committee meeting of the Commission has also been postponed until Tuesday, October 8th, 9:00 AM in the 4th Floor Conference Room.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Hawkins at (225) 765-2806.



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Hawkins, Susan

From: Jenkins, James
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2002 7:55 AM
To: 'Gattle, Tom'; James Patton; John Roussel; Philip Bowman; Winton Vidrine
Cc: Burke, Marianne; Puckett, Don; Greeson, Cathy; Hawkins, Susan
Subject: Commission Meeting

I spoke with Chairman Gattle last night and after polling the members, they have decided to postpone the meeting because of the approaching storm. He said that they would try to reschedule for next Tuesday, but that he would be in touch with Susan.

J. H. Jenkins, Jr.

Approved by Mr. Gattle

10/1/2002 - 8:05 AM

D.E. -
Add: Authorizing
Secretary to Extend
Oyster Season in
Bay Junop

(Given to me 9/30/2002 -
by John R + Marty)

October 1, 2002

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: 

AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

public board meeting has been scheduled by
10 A.M. on Thursday, October 3, 2002, at the
Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

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NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary



CONTACT
225/765-2925

2002-239

9/25/02

AGENDA SET FOR OCT. 3 MEETING OF L.W.F.C.

The next regular public board meeting for the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has been scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 3. The meeting will be held at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, located at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

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NEWS RELEASE

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CONTACT
225/765-2925

2002-238

9/25/02

SPORTS AND COMMERCIAL FISHING COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Sports and Commercial Fishing Committee of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will meet on Thursday, October 3, 2002. The meeting will be held in the fourth floor conference room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, located at 2000 Quail Drive in Baton Rouge. The meeting, scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., will be a follow-up to the September meeting when the Committee discussed the problem of derelict crab traps.

EDITORS: For more information, contact Thomas Gresham at 225/765-2923
(gresham_tp@wlf.state.la.us).

September 24, 2002

NEWS RELEASE

APPROVED: _____



AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular public board meeting has been scheduled by the Commission for 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 3, 2002, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

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C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

To: Joe Macaluso

Fax #: 388-0318

Subject: Agenda

Date: September 25, 2002

Pages: 2, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Joe, the attached is the agenda for the Commission Meeting next week. It is not on News Release letterhead but it contains the same information that a News Release will have. Call if you need additional information.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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September 25, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sports and Commercial Fishing Committee Members
(Commissioners Stone, Kelly, Denmon and Gattle)

FROM: Susan Hawkins *Susan Hawkins*

SUBJECT: Committee Meeting

Committee Chairman Jerry Stone has again called for a meeting of the Sports and Commercial Fishing Committee for Thursday, October 3, 2002 at 9:00 AM in the Fourth Floor Conference Room. The meeting will be a follow-up to the September meeting when the Committee discussed the problem of derelict crab traps.

Please let us know if you will be unable to attend. Thank you.

sch

cc: Commissioner Lee Felterman
Commissioner Bill Busbice
Commissioner Wayne Sagrera
James Jenkins, Jr.
John Roussel
Karen Foote

September 24, 2002

APPROVED: _____

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. M.', is written over a horizontal line.

SPORTS & COMMERCIAL FISHING COMMITTEE TO MEET

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September 24, 2002

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: October Commission Meeting Agenda

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The following items will be discussed:

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2. Approval of Minutes of September 5, 2002

WINTON VIDRINE

3. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/September

PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTION

4. Quarterly Report

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

9. Mullet Task Force Recommendations Regarding Seasons and Times - Pete Gericca, Mullet Task Force Chair

10. Set February 2003 Meeting Date

11. Public Comments

JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
Phil Bowman
John Roussel
Craig Lamendola
Don Puckett
Dennis Kropog
Ewell Smith
Division Chiefs
Marianne Burke

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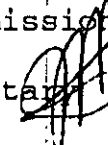
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TO: Chairman and Members of Commission

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The following items will be discussed:

C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

To: Tom Gattle

Fax #: 318-559-1524

Subject: Agenda

Date: September 20, 2002

Pages: 4, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please call me Monday after you have a chance to review the agenda. It is my understanding there will be another Sports & Commercial Fishing Committee meeting on the morning of the meeting to continue the discussion of crab traps. If this is not right, let me know. Thanks!

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

9. Declaration of Emergency - Close Fishing in Iatt Lake
During the 2002 Drawdown

10. Mullet Task Force Recommendations Regarding Seasons and
Times - Pete Gerica, Mullet Task Force Chair

11. Set February 2003 Meeting Date

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JHJ:sch

cc: Jim Patton
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September , 2002

APPROVED: _____

SPORTS & COMMERCIAL FISHING COMMITTEE TO MEET

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Wildlife Division

Rule - Deer + Elk
Importation

Rule - Disposal of Illegal
Live Deer + Elk

Public Comments - 2003
Turkey Season

from Tommy 9/19/2002 -
Tommy to handle items

A N,

REC'D

SEP 23 2002

OFFICE OF WILDLIFE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY

remove the

Iatt Lake from

the commission agenda. We
will use Secretary authority.

Thanks,

CARY

Hawkins, Susan

From: Tilyou, Gary
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2002 8:55 AM
To: Hawkins, Susan
Subject: Iatt Lake fishing closure

Two suggestions for a title

Preferred – Declaration of Emergency to Close Fishing in Iatt Lake During the 2002 Drawdown

If it needs to be shorter – Declaration of Emergency to Close Fishing in Iatt Lake

9/20/02

Hawkins, Susan

From: Roussel, John E
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2002 2:36 PM
To: Foote, Karen
Cc: Pausina, Randy; Hawkins, Susan
Subject: RE: Commission Meeting

OK

-----Original Message-----

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2002 2:20 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Pausina, Randy; Hawkins, Susan
Subject: RE: Commission Meeting

As of yesterday there was no request to by the Mullet Task Force to be on the agenda, as of today there is, so with your approval, I am requesting that the item be added as:

Mullet Task Force recommendations regarding seasons and times- Pete Gerica, Task Force Chair

If our further enquiries indicate that the Commission has authority to change these, this may be turned to a DE and/ or NOI, per this morning's meeting.

-----Original Message-----

From: Pausina, Randy
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2002 12:17 PM
To: Foote, Karen
Subject: FW: Commission Meeting

How should I handle this?

Mullet Task Force Season Recommendation

-----Original Message-----

From: Hawkins, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2002 10:17 AM
To: Pausina, Randy
Subject: Commission Meeting

I received an e-mail from Karen yesterday stating there were no items for Marine Fisheries. Am I wrong in thinking you were putting a report from the Mullet Task Force on the agenda? Let me know please!!

Thanks,
Susan Hawkins

Hawkins, Susan

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2002 3:46 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Hawkins, Susan; Abbott, Janet; Porch, Pat
Subject: October Commission meeting- Marine Fisheries

At this point, Marine Fisheries has no items for the October Commission meeting. We do plan to provide further derelict crab trap information for the Sport and Commercial Fish Committee that Dr. Stone has asked to be convened prior to the Commission meeting.

Heather is drafting a request for the secretary to extend the DE for the oyster lease moratorium. I understood from your comment yesterday that Mr. Gattle may ask for an Oyster and Shrimp Committee meeting to further consider the oyster moratorium and/or oyster lease renewal issues, per Mr. Felterman's statements at the last Commission meeting to the oyster industry reps.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Undersecretary, Assistant Secretary-Office of Wildlife,
Assistant Secretary-Office of Fisheries and Confidential
Assistant

FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary

SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - October 3, 2002

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JHJ/sch

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Tommy Prickett
Bennie Fontenot ✓
Karen Foote
Wynnette Kees
Brandt Savoie
Ewell Smith
Marianne Burke

9/17/02
Susan:
I have no items
from Inland Fisheries for
the Agenda. Thank
Bennie

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Public Information Quarterly Report
** Can we possibly be scheduled*
after the Enforcement report?

Thank you.

Mamie

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*Ratify Native Rule
Greg Linscombe*

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